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In point of votes Pennsylvania is the number two state of the Union. In the present condition of national affairs, Pennsylvania is certainly Political Barometer Number One. That's why all eyes were on the Pennsylvania primary yesterday and on the count of the votes today. And that ringing sound echoing through the land is a Republican chorus of jubilation.

One echo of the chorus is a telegram I have here from Senator Charles McNary<sup>12</sup>, Republican leader of the Senate. It reads: "The primary is evidence of a national trend which is sweeping the whole country; ~~its~~ a clear augury of what will happen in November."

*from far and wide*  
The chorus<sup>^</sup> has a special stanza dedicated to Postmaster-General Jim Farley, who took a last minute hand in the primary -- and got his hands singed and scorched a bit. With the Democrats in a savage factional fight; ~~with~~ Earle and Jones seeking Senate and Governorship on one side and Wilson and Kennedy seeking the same offices on the other, the Postmaster-General stepped in with a compromise idea: ~~He~~ backed one man

of each faction -- making it Earle and Kennedy as the Farley choice. And this necessarily stood as a New Deal choice, Jim being the political wizard of the Administration and Democratic National Chairman.

Of the two choices he made, one was victoriously nominated, Governor Earle for the Senate. But, ~~Governor~~ Earle repudiated the Farley support, because he wouldn't let down his team-mate Alvin Jones for Governor -- Jim having picked *Lieut. Gov.* Thomas Kennedy of the opposing faction for Governor. And Kennedy lost, was beaten by Jones, who hasn't been prominent politically, virtually an unknown. Jim's candidate Kennedy didn't even carry his own home county, Luzerne.

So no wonder the Republican National Chairman John Hamilton today hailed a Farley failure. I have a telegram in which he puts it this way: "Pennsylvania Democrats," he wires, "lined up overwhelmingly against the attempted dictation of their National Chairman. The New Deal was routed on all fronts."

The Republicans tonight are mulling cheerfully over

the fact that the primary leaves the Pennsylvania Democrats in as bad a factional fight as ever. In ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> peculiar Farley manoeuvre, ~~of~~ backing Earle of one ~~xx~~ faction and Kennedy of the other, the idea was -- harmony. Jim figured that if the Democrats would nominate one half of each hostile ticket, it would be a compromise arrangement under which both factions could consolidate. But the Democratic voters didn't do that, didn't ratify that ~~subtle~~<sup>split</sup> ticket finesse. So the Farley device for settling the feud was ~~delx~~ beaten -- the feud left blazing as fiercely as ever.

Today Postmaster Jim had only a statement of philisophic resignation to ~~express~~<sup>make</sup> Said he: "In disregarding part of the suggestions I made which were issued with only one thought in mind, party harmony in the Fall ~~ixxi~~ campaign, — the Pennsylvania Democrats were absolutely within their rights."

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The severest defeat of all yesterday was sustained by John Lewis ~~of~~<sup>and</sup> the C.I.O. -- ~~They~~ took the worst licking. Lewis and his powerful unions were a dominant influence in the Democratic split, fiercely fighting Earle and Jones and

vigorously backing Wilson and Kennedy. ~~Kennedy~~ Candidate Kennedy, indeed, is a ~~powerful~~ Lewis lieutenant -- ~~he is~~ sometimes called the mastermind of the C.I.O. Both of the Lewis candidates were beaten, with emphasis on the Kennedy defeat. It's also a blow to Senator Guffey, who backed Lewis of the C.I.O. in the complicated Democratic free-for-all in Pennsylvania. <sup>It</sup> One assumption tonight is that <sup>the</sup> Pennsylvania fiasco may persuade John Lewis that C.I.O. intervention in political campaigns doesn't pay, and that he and his unions may decide to stand on the sidelines -- as the A.F. of L. does.

Tonight the G.O.P. is cheerfully ~~contem~~<sup>m</sup>plating the

total number of Democratic and Republican votes ~~XXXXXXXX~~ cast --  
*according to the latest figures I have*  
 about a million one hundred and eighty-four thousand Democratic  
 voters cast their ballots in the primary, while the count on  
 the Republican side was about a million ~~three XXXXXXXX~~ <sup>five three</sup> hundred and  
~~and four~~ <sup>forty</sup> thousand. <sup>About</sup> one hundred and <sup>fifty-five</sup> ~~twenty~~ thousand more  
 Republican votes than Democratic. All of which arouses a  
 radiant G.O.P. hope that in the Fall election ~~vote~~ there will  
 be more Republican votes than Democratic.

On the Republican side Senator James J. Davis was overwhelmingly re-nominated for the Senate. <sup>TP</sup>The dominant interest was in the contest between Arthur ~~R.~~ James, straight-out Republican ~~conservative~~ and Gifford Pinchot, radical Republican charged with New Deal leanings. Pinchot was snowed under. James nominated for the Governorship, beat him by more than two to one. How does the G.O.P. interpret that? As a rebuke to the New Deal. The Republican party in Pennsylvania stands with a solid conservative front.

Such are the nation-wide interpretations being placed on the political weather forecast as registered by <sup>that most important</sup> ~~the~~ Pennsylvania barometer.

T.V.A.

The special Congressional Committee to investigate the T.V.A. is getting ready for its big show. It has been decided that one of the first things to be done will be to call Arthur Morgan, the discharged Chairman of the Directors of the Authority, and the two directors against whom he made such spectacular accusations.

Arthur Morgan has been trying to obtain access to the files and records of the T.V.A. to substantiate his charges. Chairman Lilienthal has denied him the right. Dr. Morgan retorts all this is obviously unfair. So the Committee is going to consider a resolution which will compel the existing T.V.A. directors to allow Dr. Morgan and his representatives to go through those files.

TRUST

The Roosevelt government is continuing its anti-trust prosecutions. The announcement was made today at the Department of Justice. Attorney General Cummings declares that he <sup>is</sup> ~~is going~~ to reopen the trial against the Ford Motor Company, Chrysler, General Motors, and their three finance companies. This time the case will be brought at South Bend, Indiana. The last case, ~~you may recall,~~ was brought in Milwaukee, where the jury was discharged by ~~him~~ a federal district judge. The judge found that the government lawyers had acted improperly in negotiating with counsel for the motor car companies for a consent decree while the grand jury was hearing the evidence. (This time, said Mr. Cummings, there will be no compromise even if the defendants promise to stop the violations of which they are accused.)

HAGUE FOLLOW TRUST

Another interesting announcement was made from *the*  
~~Mr.~~ Cummings's office today. G-men have been in Jersey City for  
a couple of weeks, investigating the <sup>*so-called*</sup> dictatorship of Mayor Hague.  
J. Edgar Hoover's men from the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
have been probing ~~Mr.~~ Hague's domain ever since ~~the~~ Mayor Hague's  
cops forcibly threw Norman Thomas out of Jersey City. The G-men  
are trying to find out whether they have a case <sup>*there*</sup> ~~in Jersey City~~  
similar to <sup>*the Harlan County case*</sup> ~~that~~ now being tried at London, Kentucky, ~~in the heart~~  
~~of bloody Harlan.~~ In other words, they are investigating charges  
that the statute of Eighteen Seventy has been violated, the statute  
which forbids conspiracy to deprive people of their constitutional  
rights. (The Attorney General said this was not done at the orders  
of the President or Postmaster General Farley or anybody. It was  
done by the Department of Justice on its own hook as part of its  
routine duty.)



GANGS

When the once notorious public enemy mobs were at large, the Dillingers, Karpises and Barkers, there was much scandalous talk about police corruption. It was often said in many places that cops, including <sup>some of</sup> high ranking ~~cops~~, were in the pay of the mobsters.

One of those stories comes to a head today. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has arrested <sup>a number of</sup> ~~several~~ men in Hot Springs, Arkansas. ~~And~~ Three of them ~~are~~ officials of the Hot Springs Police. ~~Department~~. One of them is the former chief of police, <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ other is the former chief of detectives, the <sup>third</sup> ~~other~~ is a former lieutenant in the Bureau of Identification. <sup>all</sup> ~~They are~~ arrested on charges of having hidden and helped members of <sup>the</sup> ~~that~~ deadly mob that included Alvin Karpis, and was headed by the sanguinary old woman known as "Ma" Barker. Karpis of course is now on the rock-- at Alcatraz.

FORD

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Twelve years ago, there was a historic scene at the Ford airport in Dearborn, Michigan. It was the take-off of the first flight of airmail under private contract, from Detroit to Cleveland. On that day in Nineteen Twenty-Six, Henry Ford tossed a pouch of mail into the plane named MAIDEN DEARBORN the First.

~~That was the first flight of airmail~~

Today, that scene was reenacted. Standing in the same spot, Henry Ford again tossed a pouch of mail aboard an airplane and the pilot took off. That was only part of the ceremony. After that, Mr. Ford was formally presented with the first airmail plane that flew between Chicago and the west coast. It was given to him to put in his Edison Museum.

It should be noted that the flight in NineteenTwenty-Six was not ~~the~~ the first airmail flight. That was made in Nineteen Eighteen. But in Nineteen Twenty-Six it was the first flight under private contract.

## NEGROES

Here's a curious tale from New Jersey. Everybody ~~must~~ remember <sup>s</sup> that famous movie of the silent days, D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation." ~~It was~~ one of the most successful and profitable pictures of all time. I've heard that its gross box office receipts were around five million dollars. At any rate, it was enormously popular. The manager of a picture theatre in East Orange, New Jersey, thought it would be a good idea to show that picture again. So he sent for the print and duly exhibited it. He was promptly arrested and arraigned in court on the complaint of two negroes. ~~Since~~

Since "The Birth of a Nation" was first made, a new law was passed in the State of New Jersey. This law forbids the portrayal of anything that tends to incite racial hatred. So it was on that charge that the negroes had that theatre manager in East Orange arraigned. They declared ~~that~~ the film, ~~which,~~ ~~has~~ as you know, was founded on the reconstruction of the south, incites hatred against the negro race.

PLANE

Nine more victims for the mountains of southern California, the graveyard of so many once proud airplanes! The missing Lockheed ~~was~~ found in a canyon ~~xxxxxxx~~ twenty miles south of Saugus, California. It seems to me that every time there's a fatality in that part of the country we hear the name "Saugus." The region in which the plane was found is ~~quite~~ close to Mt. McGill, the highest peak in the range between California and the Mohave Desert. The wreck was <sup>located</sup> found by a ranger. He reported that it was demolished and burned, ~~to smithereens. Naturally,~~ everybody aboard <sup>perished.</sup> ~~had been killed, including a three year old boy and a baby girl two and a half months old.~~

As soon as the ranger telephoned <sup>this</sup> ~~in the~~ news, an airplane left the Union Airport piloted by Paul Mantz, one of the famous test pilots of the country, who used to be technical advisor to the hapless Amelia Earhart. He flew over the spot but was unable to get within two miles of the plane because of poor visibility. ~~The bodies will have to be brought in by motor car and on foot.~~

What happened? That ~~is~~ of course nobody knows exactly.

PLANE

But the reports from ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> region indicate that the ~~air~~plane left ~~for~~<sup>for</sup> Las Vegas, Nevada, in what is known as marginal weather.

Visibility ~~was~~ poor, ~~and~~ storm clouds ~~flew~~<sup>in</sup> the sky. So far as can be ascertained, the Lockheed must have crashed an hour after it took off. Apparently ~~it~~ struck a high hog<sup>back</sup> back. The force of ~~this~~<sup>the</sup> crash caused it to burst into flames. Then it bounced, and smashed ~~finally~~ five hundred yards further away. All this is indicated by ~~the position and location of~~ the wreckage.

BASEBALL

There was almost a young riot at the Polo Grounds this afternoon. The New York Giants were giving a party for the Chicago Cubs. Everything was more or less peaceful until the Cubs' sixth inning, <sup>when</sup> ~~In that~~ Babe Herman ~~hit swiftly and~~ got to first base. Then Augie Galan came to bat and bunted. Harry Danning, who was catching for the Giants, sprang for the ball. ~~and~~ Augie Galan <sup>in starting for</sup> ~~sprinted toward~~ first base and ran into ~~big Harry~~ Danning. Whereupon the umpire called Galan out for interfering <sup>ence. And</sup> ~~ing.~~ That aroused a storm of protest from the Cubs.

To make it worse, Catcher ~~Harry~~ Danning <sup>made the</sup> ~~completed his~~ throw to first base, showing that the interference couldn't have been very serious. To make the ~~whole~~ <sup>more</sup> situation ridiculous, Chiozza, the first baseman, dropped the ball. Meanwhile, Babe Herman had reached second. But because of Augie Galan's interference with the catcher, the umpires made Herman return to first, ~~base.~~

That tore everything wide open. Manager Charlie Grimm of the Cubs howled in complaint. A storm of towels, chest protectors, <sup>s</sup> ~~shin~~ guards, littered the ground in front of the Cubs'

dugout as the protesting players, <sup>toasted them about.</sup> ~~threw them out~~ Charlie Grimm announced that the game was being played under protest.

All of which became <sup>the more</sup> ~~slightly~~ ridiculous when, ~~at the end of the day,~~ the Cubs beat the Giants anyway, four to two!

RAYE

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There's much to-do over the mouth of capricious Martha Raye. Maybe the story smells a little of the fine Italian hand of the press agent. Even so, here it is. The editors of the magazine LOOK have announced that they are going to publish a picture entitled: "Million Dollar Ballyhoo." It will show the face of Madame Raye, and next to it will be a photograph of an ape. The idea will be to compare the lady's mouth with that of the animal.

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She went to her lawyers, who rushed to the courts and applied for an injunction. The California judge turned them down, saying he had no jurisdiction over a firm publishing a magazine in Iowa. So the lawyers are going to file an ~~amended~~ amended complaint today in an effort to stop it.

In Des Moines, the managing editor said the picture will be published whether Miss Raye likes it or not. ~~And he added:~~  
~~"I'm sorry Miss Raye does not like the picture but we're going to~~  
~~carry it anyway."~~ And he said further: "Movie stars are spoiled. They've got to learn that ~~movie~~ newspapers and magazines can't be ~~expected~~ expected to print only the glamour stories."



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Miss Raye complains that the photograph <sup>the magazine</sup> ~~which look~~ is going to publish was taken two years ago. Since then, she claims, she has, in her own words, "gained much in physical charms, comeliness and grace." ~~and her principal characteristic now is the shapeliness and elegance of her legs."~~ One might add also, the ingenuity of her press agent.

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And now Hugh  
what from you?