

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There's one thing we all want to know, but ^{it's still} ~~that's~~

a secret, hidden in millions of ballot boxes, throughout the nation! -

~~Who has been elected?~~ People are still voting in various places, but the issue by this time must have been settled. Yet, we don't know the answer. The only clue we have are those tantalizing, fascinating, speculative - early returns.

(The earliest of the returns today were true to form. Millsfield, New Hampshire, small as it was early, being Number One - five votes for Governor Landon, ~~and~~ two for President Roosevelt.) This year Millsfield beat out New Ashford, Massachusetts, which in previous years had ^{held} ~~got~~ the spotlight with the earliest returns. Today New Ashford ^{came thru} ~~tricked in~~ with twenty-six votes for Landon; nineteen for President Roosevelt. (Somerset, Vermont, another early-bird, split its seven votes this way - Landon five, Roosevelt two. Such was the early word from New England - Landon.) Then along came the opposite part of the

country, Houston, Texas, and the result was opposite - you would have guessed that in advance. The first precincts in Houston today gave a hundred and twenty-six votes to the President and twenty-one for the Kansas Governor.

So there we have rock-ribbed New England giving early displays of traditional Republicanism, while the solid south shows up - still solid. True to form, ~~and even Stephen.~~

(But later additions to the list of early scattering returns, don't look so even. Most figures, small tabulations, from here, there and the next place, all over the nation, give Roosevelt majorities.) ^{In} The solid south, the same as ever, various places enumerate the Landon vote with a zero. Border state West Virginia, shows Roosevelt in the lead. In Huntington he has four hundred and forty-seven votes to three hundred and three; figures from Fairmount give him three hundred and ninety-nine to three hundred. ~~In~~ Missouri, a critical state, came along with the town of Mexico - Roosevelt thirty-nine; Landon fifteen.

(What about Kansas, Governor Landon's home state?

Here are some figures: ~~xxx~~ one early report came from

a hundred and one precincts in fifteen counties - Roosevelt thirty-seven hundred; Landon thirty-three hundred. A later report gave Roosevelt seven thousand; Landon fifty-five hundred.

PP Election attention ^{naturally} focuses on Kansas, the sunflower state, the typical prairie state. *Latest 17,000 to 16,000 - Roosevelt leading. But an hour from now that may all change.*
TP How does New England continue in the early scattering

returns? Tolland, Massachusetts, Landon forty-four; Roosevelt

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twenty-one. [^] Livermore, New Hampshire, it's the other way --

Roosevelt seven; Landon one. But here's something decisive:

Somerset, Vermont - Landon seven; Roosevelt goose egg. *TP* This

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afternoon, on the basis of ~~these~~ early scattering returns, ~~—~~ *now*
hold everything —
[^] Democratic Chairman Jim Farley claimed an overwhelming landslide

for President Roosevelt.) He declared the President would carry every state west of the ^{Hudson} ~~Mississippi~~ River, including Pennsylvania, [^] even including the City of Philadelphia, which has never gone

Democratic since the Civil War. Chairman Farley also claims

New Hampshire. *But you know how chairmen are? They're just that way.*

And Republican Chairman John Hamilton simultaneously made his prediction on the basis of those early scattering

returns. He said that Governor Landon would carry every state east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio, all those and some more.

Apparently, two statesmen can arrive at exceedingly different conclusions, based on the ^{same} early scattering returns.

~~Some more figures will be coming into the studio here~~
~~in a moment, so~~ ^W Meanwhile let's look at some ^{of the} ~~other~~ election angles, ^S
the weather, for example. On this election day, the weather man ^S
had done his worst - the worst in a long time. It rained ^{and rained} ~~A~~
ⁱⁿ most of the east. ~~was~~ Snowing and sleeting with a cold snap
in the middle west. ~~They have~~ ^B Blizzards in the Rocky Mountain
states. Only on the Pacific Coast ~~we~~ do we have a general report
of clear skies and bright sunshine.

The weather man's dirty work may cut down the farm
vote seriously. Many a farmer today found it too difficult to
get to the polling place through rain, mud, snow or sleet. ^{So} ~~A~~ The
weather factor may affect the election results for the candidates.

CANDIDATES

Who's running for election today? That seems like a goofy question. But there are mighty few individuals in the country who know - who can give the answer right off.

Sure you can name the two major candidates for president. Maybe you can name all the various candidates for the presidency on the minor tickets. But how many of you can name the nominees for the thirty-two ~~xxxxxxx~~ seats in the Senate? You can think of some of the principal ones, like the veteran Senator Norris of Nebraska, "Uncle George" running ^{as an} independent is having a harder fight than he has had for a long time. ^{Also -} People will think of Senator Borah, for so many years the pride of Idaho, and a good deal of publicity has accrued to young Henry Cabot Lodge, Junior, who is running against Boston's well publicized Mayor Curley, in Massachusetts. Young Lodge, ~~is~~ grandson of the renowned Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, and until recently a newspaper reporter.

And now name the candidates for the thirty-three governorships that are being fought for. And after that reel off the names of all who today were contesting the four hundred and thirty odd congressional seats in every part of the country.

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So it's a little difficult to say who the candidates
are - and it's a reminder that today's election concerns a great
deal more than the presidency, - ~~the~~ local power ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ state, ^{become}
^{and} ~~the~~ power ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ the legislative branch of the government.

SMITH

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Tonight in New Orleans the Reverend Gerald K. Smith is making angry demands. He wants to be put back in jail! He insists that he be prosecuted, put on trial. In other words, the Reverend Gerald K. is making things as embarrassing as he can for the New Orleans authorities - although they had embarrassment enough earlier in the day. It's a comedy of arrest, accusation, imprisonment and liberation - quite in the farcical spirit of a Mardi Gras.

The self-styled rabble-rouser Number One delivered a vitriolic election blast against the New Deal and the Governor of Louisiana, who is supporting it. ~~The rabble-rousing rhetoric was~~
~~was purple with epithets, denunciations and accusations.~~
The Reverend Gerald K. told an open air audience that a crooked hot oil deal was on in Louisiana, involving twenty-five million barrels of petroleum. He shouted that when this was exposed, it will make the Teapot Dome oil scandal look like a copper kettle. ~~To which he added a few oratorical haymakers and blistering~~
~~vituperations.~~

Then he went to his hotel, accompanied by three

bodyguards. The Reverend rabble-rouser, who was a liertenant of the late Huey Long, keeps up the Kingfish tradition of bodyguards.

Well a doxen New Orleans policemen and detectives were waiting for the Smith party - grabbed them and searched them for weapons. But there was not a pistol in the party. So the Reverend pastor and his bodyguards were allowed to go to their suite, - in high indignation.

Then, a few minutes later, the police returned. Without ceremony they arrested the rabble-rouser, his three guards and his secretary -- and took them off to jail.

They charged the Reverend Smith with using strong and peace disturbing language in that speech of his. They accusedhim of reviling the police, and uttering shocking words.

All of this caused quite a stir. The rabble rouser was getting much welcome publicity. The authorities were perplexed. ^{The Mayor} ~~Mayor Maestri~~ of New Orleans phoned the Reverend Gerald K. and offered to turn him loose on parole. Smith refused, and demanded that he be put on trial.

Then one ingenious official recalled a law passed by Huey Long ^{when} in the days when the Kingfish was lord of Louisiana and the Reverend Gerald K. Smith was one of his most powerful lieutenants. That law, still on the statute books, provides that if a prisoner is not arraigned in court within two hours -- he automatically goes free. That decree was invoked in the case of rabble-rouser Number One. The police, exceedingly red in the face, watched a clock, and waited impatiently while it ticked off two hours.

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When the time was up, they ordered the Smith party out of their cells, out of the jail. ^{And -} They didn't want to go. ~~They~~

^{violently}
P protested as they were forced out to freedom.

STRIKE

Talk is cheap, they say. Talking out of turn can get you into trouble. And too much talk is a great bore. But nevertheless, on this tense election day there's one great bit of news that brings us, hopefully and cheerily, that word - talk. The owners and unions in that great and threatening maritime strike, are talking things over.

The strenuous and almost frantic effort of the labor mediators of the government has achieved at least this much success - persuading the ship owners and the ship workers to go into conference and try to arrange a settlement - on the Pacific side as well as on the Atlantic. The bosses agree to discuss the men's demands.

Yes, that kind of talk is valuable, a possible treasure of industrial peace - the more important when we consider the status of American shipping on this election day. Two hundred and seventy-eight ships flying the American flag, tied up in port because of the strike of ship workers and dock workers. The Pacific coast tied up, with a hundred and forty-three vessels lying

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idle. A sympathetic strike spreading ominously along the Atlantic coast, with a hundred and thirty-three craft in idleness already. The VIRGINIA and the MANHATTAN, two of the largest American ships plying the Atlantic, are among those tied up tonight. Eighty thousand workers involved in the walkout.

In the port of New York alone - three thousand walking the dock instead of the deck. With the ^{TP Pacific} coast strike on for five days,

industries allied to shipping, are feeling the pinch - especially lumbering. Great ~~★~~ amounts of money lost already, or jeopardized.

^{TP} ~~The International Mercantile Marine~~ ^{— mostly on the Atlantic Coast —} reports that it has had to refund a hundred thousand dollars to would-be passengers, who were booked to sail on ships that were stopped by the strike.

But now they're talking it over, trying to agree on mediation. ~~This may mean a quick end to the labor battle in the realm of ships and the sea.~~ ^{The last word is that the conference is deadlocked.}

KING

While we were having our quadrennial extravaganza of politics over here, England was staging one of her own favorite shows of state.

You think there would be a story of contrast in today's juxtaposition of our democratic election ways and the royal imperial pomp in Britain. However, today's news was rather on the opposite side - the story being of the color that was lacking in London today, the pomp was missing.

It was raining, London weather at its worst, a heavy chilly downpour. So the King didn't ride in the coach of state, His Majesty wearing his royal mantel of red and black with an ermine cape, the coach of state glided with glittering gold and

drawn by eight majestic black horses - usually borrowed from a brewery. Nothing like that. The King drove through the rain in an automobile. And there were no vast cheering crowds to hail a monarch on his way to the Houses of Parliament. The rain drove everybody indoors, except a few Britishers of the most intense cast-iron loyalty.

Nor did His Majesty wear his royal imperial crown of glittering gold and jewels. Naturally not, that's because he hasn't yet been crowned. He wore his robes, but his head was bare.

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Nor was there a queen beside him. His Mother, Queen Mary, so familiar a figure beside King George, was absent. Tradition has it that only the reigning queen may attend affairs of state - a queen ruling in her own right or the King's consort. Edward the Eighth, as we know, has no queen.

Nor did the gallery for distinguished visitors provide any bit of entertainment. Mrs. Simpson was not there. It had been reported that she would attend as a distinguished visitor when His Majesty opened Parliament. But the fascinating lady from Baltimore was among those absent.

Today King Edward continued his use of "I", "me", "my" and "mine"; The personal pronoun singular instead of the traditional royal "we". He gave Parliament a review of his government's policy. He called for peace and rearmament - an armed peace. That reminded the Parliament of Mussolini's strong declarations last Sunday, in which he proclaimed - an armed peace. King Edward said that Great Britain would continue its efforts to reorganize and make more effective the League of Nations. That was in contrast to Mussolini's shout "The League of Nations is dead!"

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But perhaps the most interesting thing His Majesty said had no concern with grave affairs of state, but something entirely spectacular - his coronation. There had been reports that the magnificent ritual of the crowning of the King, scheduled for next May, would be put off. There had even been rumors that the King might abdicate. But today his speech from the throne indicated that the coronation would be held according to schedule -

and that afterward he would go to India for the blazing splendor of an oriental Durbar - to be crowned Emperor of India.

Meanwhile it kept on raining, a dreary London downpour, which dampened the solemnity of the royal departure as it had dampened the royal arrival.

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END ELECTION:-

Now to come home. Election again. Some more early figures: A Tennessee precinct for Roosevelt. That's to be expected. Baltimore the same way 2 to 1 -- in 9 precincts New Mexico, Roosevelt 4 to 2 in 2 districts of Albuquerque. Exeter, Mass. 3 to 1 for London. A section of Cape Cod, Mass. Roosevelt ahead by one vote. Gloucester, Mass., Roosevelt 1000 Landon 700. Here is later word from Kansas:- 33,000 to 30,400 -- Roosevelt ahead.

But these are just fragmentary. The vote is yet to come - And ----- SO LONG UNTIL TOMOROW.