

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The election returns are pouring in, pouring in all sides of me here tonight. Instead of my usual studio upstairs, I am broadcasting from the New Department of N.B.C., here at Rockefeller Center. And on all sides are teletypes and direct wire services rattling off the figures from one end of the country to the other. The N.B.C. News Department has been giving a running service, flashing a succession of bulletins. And I'm picking the sequence up at this point -- to flash you election bulletins in between other bits of news. Tidings of the world interspersed with figures from polling places here and there throughout our own nation.

Today's election news began of course with the weather. In fact in New York, when Republican Candidate for Governorship, Thomas E. Dewey, went to vote early, he made this comment: "It all depends upon how much it rains," said he. Well I voted and

drove to town through a near cloud burst. But that was afternoon.

The day began with sultry warm weather along the Atlantic Coast; a cold wave sweeping across the middlewest -- blowing east with blustery chill and rain. That raised the old American political question -- Will bad weather keep the farmers from going to the polls? The middlewest reported a heavy vote in the rural districts, weather or not weather. In New York State the close race between Lehman and Dewey seemed as if it might easily be decided by rain. Would up-state farmers be deterred from going to the polls? They are recognized as the greatest source of Dewey's strength.

The weatherman had predicted rain for New York State.

Today began dry enough, and the rural population up-state flocked to the polls to beat the rain. The voting was heavy, flood of ballots. That's the word from all over the country.

Where I voted the local officials said there had never been such an outpouring of voters. And I stood long enough in line to be convinced.

ELECTION RETURNS

Here's a batch of election returns just in, let's begin with something familiar. The count of the vote in the Hyde Park neighborhood, President Roosevelt's own home section, and as usual they went Republican. In the Lehman-Dewey fight, here are the first figures I see from New York City, Queens County, 314 for Dewey and 219 for Lehman. That sounds a bit surprising, as the Governor's dominant strength is certainly in Greater New York.

It's been a nip and tuck battle all day in Kansas. The latest figures show the ~~Democrat leading by the narrowest kind of margin.~~
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Republican candidates leading by the narrowest kind of margin. For Governor for example, The republican is reported with 14, 798 votes the Democrat with 14, 343. These of course are early figures. In Missouri however the figures are all for Senator Bennet Champ Clark, the Democrat who has been opposed to the New Deal. He is leading in the early returns by two to one

FAR EAST

Word from Tokyo tonight brings the hint of a spectacular turn in the diplomacy of the Far East. They say that tomorrow Japan will reply to the protests handed in by Western nations, a reply with an extraordinary proposal. European nations, Great Britain in particular, have been complaining to Tokyo that Japan is interfering with foreign commercial rights in the conquered half of China. Our own government in Washington has been protesting vigorously, demanding that Japan keep the policy of the Open Door. The Tokyo report states that the Mikado's government will agree, will reaffirm the principle of equal ^{commercial} rights for all, in China, will keep the door open. But on one condition - that Europe and the United States recognize Japan ^{as} occupying a dominant position in the Far East, ^{with} a hegemony of Eastern Asia. They say that Tokyo will ask the other powers, ourselves included, to recognize ^{as} facts, the conquest of Manchukuo and the occupation of half of China, and accept the fact that Japan intends to build a three-cornered system, Japan, Manchukuo and China, ^{a vast, colossal} Far Eastern Empire. European powers and ourselves are to be asked to recognize that, and if we do - then Japan will guarantee equal commercial

rights in China, the Open Door.

That would indeed be transformation of the first magnitude in the Far East.

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ELECTION FIGURES

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Some figures from Massachusetts just came in, 17 small towns. They show Republican Candidate Saltonsall, running for the Governoship, leading Democratic Candidate Curley, ~~38,968 by 12,949~~ Thirty eight hundred and sixty by twelve hundred and forty-nine. White Plains New York, three districts give Republican Candidate Dewey twelve hundred and forty three votes to four hundred and fifty seven for Lehman.

KING

after all going
The United States is [^]to receive that stately royal visit.-

This was announced in most stately fashion today. King George the Sixth, in the full magnificence of his kingly robes, addressing *— in their lordly robes. And he said:—* the House of Lords, [^]~~said~~ "I have been happy to accept the invitation extended to the Queen and myself by the President to visit the United States of America before the conclusion of my Canadian tour."

So the King will call on the President, and you bet that Washington will be in its glory. The coming of George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth will be the greatest visit of state this country has ever had.

Replying to His Majesty, Prime Minister Chamberlain spoke as follows: "The visit of the King and Queen to Canada will truly be an historic occasion. Never before [^]*said he,* has any dominion been privileged to welcome a reigning sovereign on their own soil." *And he added:—* [^]"The visit to the United States will also be of outstanding importance. Never before have any king and queen of *Great Britain* set foot in that great democracy."

And here's the date as announced - probably about June the Twentieth.

Albany gives us some fairly large figures, and the majority are for Dewey. Dewey twenty-four thousand six hundred and seventy-one and Lehman seventeen thousand four hundred and ninety-eight. From Onondago County, Dewey twenty-two thousand six hundred and eight. Lehman sixteen thousand two hundred and sixty-seven.

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The announcement of the tonsil and adenoids operations on the Dionne quintuplets brings a revelation that the health of those five little girls of such great renown has not been as perfect as might have appeared from the news made public about them. We've had mighty little word about the quints being ill at any time. But today their physician, Dr. Allan Dafoe reveals that they were ill in August of Nineteen Thirty-Seven. "~~They were~~ ^{Very} sick children," is the way he expresses it. Moreover, they were ill again last August - "even sicker", in the Doctor's words. ~~They had~~ streptococcic infection.

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adenoids of the quintuplets have been, in his words, "in a chronic state of inflammation. There is evidence," he continues, "that the infection is spreading and that it may affect their whole systems. Such an outcome," he concludes, "would bring disastrous results."

So tomorrow the famous five will undergo that familiar ordeal of childhood - tonsils and adenoids out.

Election returns #4

One of the keenly fought battles ~~was~~ is in New York
for Congress, where Representative John J. O'Connor
is running against James H. Fay. Representative O'Connor
was on President Roosevelt 's purge list and was beaten
for the Democratic nomination. He's running as a Republican.
First returns give O'Connor three thousand nine hundred ~~and~~^{and}
fifty-five votes. His new deal oponent is ahead with
five thousand one hundred and eighty-nine.

JEWS

The expected has occurred in Germany, a new ordeal for the Jewish people there - following the shooting of a Nazi official in Paris by a young Jew. With anti-Semitic outbreaks flaring in the newspapers, mob outbreaks are reported all over Germany - attacks on Jewish homes and stores. And there's a report that the Hitler government, as a reprisal for the Paris shooting, is prepared to expel all foreign Jews from Germany.

Simultaneously, Nazi police reveal that they have been, in their own words, "disarming the Jews in Berlin." The statement relates that word was sent out that all Jewish people must surrender whatever weapons they may have - and this they have been doing.

Election returns #5

Onondago County, New York ~~showed~~ shows Dewey leading Lehman by three to two. Seventy districts give Dewey twenty-three thousand and Lehman sixteen thousand.

Long Beach, New York. Lehman ~~was~~ ahead, seven hundred and forty-eight to ^{Dewey's} two hundred and forty-six.

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GERMAN SHIP

The Californian investigation of the explosion to the German steamship VANCOUVER affirms the earlier suspicion - a bomb. Investigators from the District Attorney's office have ~~now~~ ^{now} completed ~~their~~ ^{at} inspection of the jagged five foot hole that was ripped in the Nazi boat's hull as she was steaming through the Oakland estuary. And their conclusion is that a bomb was placed, a bomb so arranged as to explode after a given lapse of time. The missile they believe was loaded with black powder; ~~and was~~ suspended from the side of the ship. ~~And~~ the District Attorney believes the bomb was placed while the VANCOUVER was being loaded at Alameda, California. He announces that the investigators will question every person who might have had a chance to do the trick there.

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Election returns #6.

Buffalo gives us some mighty close figures,
Lehman leading by the breadth of a hair. The Governor
has twenty-^{one}~~thousand~~ hundred and sixty-nine votes to two thousand
and sixty-three for Dewey.

From the South it's hardly news -- Democrats
swept in everywhere. In fact the earliest definite
results were from down in the Southland where plenty of
Democratic ~~was~~ candidates were unopposed-- no contest.

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HINES

It seems apropos that election day should be the time for announcing the postponement of the Hines trial in New York.

The charges against Tammany Leader James J. Hines were full of ^{political} implications all along. The case was, in fact, the highest high-spot in the prosecuting career of District Attorney Dewey, who right now may or may not have been elected Governor of New York State.

After the first court proceedings of James Hines ended in a mistrial, the District Attorney had much to say about the need of retrying the Tammany leader in a hurry. The case was set to go to court again immediately after this election, but now it ^{'s} postponed - at the request of the District Attorney's office. Postponed until next year, some indefinite date.

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The news of the postponement is received with loud complaint by the Hines lawyers, who say the Tammany leader wants to face the charges promptly, has no desire for things to drag on ^{with} ~~for~~ himself in the shadow of the accusation. of having been political fixer to the Dutch Schultz policy racket.

No reports from Pennsylvania yet, where one of the bitterest struggles of the Fall campaign was decided at the Polls today.

TRAP

Well, poor old Sherlock Homes^l - how chagrined he would have
~~been~~ had he witnessed a scene enacted out ~~in the country near~~^{side of}
Buffalo, ~~New York, today.~~ He'd have realized what a primitive and
antiquated detective he was. An ultra-modern manhunt^{was staged} in the high
style of Hollywood ~~technology~~ - floodlights in the night and an
airplane overhead, police cars converging, and all directed by
radio.

Two extortionists were out to extract twenty thousand dollars
from a wealthy and socially prominent citizen of Buffalo.
Threatening the lives of himself and his mother, they instructed
him to board the night train from Buffalo to Erie and have the cash
with him, done up in a package. He was to watch for a white flag
flashed at one side of the track. Then he was to ~~him~~ toss the bundle
of twenty thousand dollars.

The police rigged up an ultra-modern trap. The intended
extortion victim was on the rear platform of the train, as it
roared across some desolate marshland. He saw two men beside the
track, and the white flag was waved. He tossed a fake bundle of
money, and stepped on a button. Instantly floodlights flared on

the rear platform and illuminated the two men going after the bundle. And a camera placed there photographed the scene.

Simultaneously an airplane following the train swooped down and spotted the extortionists. And, directed by wireless, police cars on a nearby road closed in. And so the ultra-modern manhunt quickly picked up the two extortionists, who made no resistance. They were literally overcome, floored by the fantastic trap that had been sprung on them. Today the authorities announced that the dazed pair have confessed.

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I'm in a bit of a daze over these fragmentary election returns.

For further particulars listen to the N.B.C. and

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW!