

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~Naturally the whole country is in a bubbling state of excitement tonight.~~ Not in many a decade has there been such absorbing interest in ~~an~~ the result of ~~an~~ off year election. Obviously (it's a Red Letter Day in the history of the Republican Party. The recapture of seven key states, particularly the return of Pennsylvania to the G.O.P. has the elephant trumpeting.)

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The news early this morning was ~~v~~ spectacular enough. But as the day went on it emphasized more and more the extent of the political overturn. Before the election the most sanguine claim the Anti-New Dealers. could claim - and that for public consumption, was, that they would win upwards of seventy seats in Congress. Privately they admitted that forty wouldn't be so bad. But (as the figures stand now the Republicans

have eight new United States Senators.) And furthermore, in Indiana Republican Raymond Willis is leading Democratic Senator Van Nuys by four thousand odd votes. A narrow margin, but still it's a lead. And in Iowa the veteran former Senator Dickinson is holding a slight lead over Democratic Senator Gillette.

As for the House of Representatives, the Republicans have sixty in the bag. In twenty other districts where returns are ~~ex~~ incomplete G.O.P. candidates are leading. So (the probability is that when the returns are all in the minority in the House, instead of eighty-eight as in the last Congress, will be around one hundred and sixty.)

Tonight, observers everywhere are saying that the American two-party system is still good, that one political party cannot go on ruling the country indefinitely.

(Of course the ~~Democrats~~ ^{Democrats} are still in power, still control both Senate and House - and still have thirty out of forty-eight Governors. But the overwhelming lop-sided majority is gone.)

Thirty-three states elected new governors. The Democrats won fifteen, (the Republicans made a net gain of eleven governors. They had seven before, so they'll start next year with eighteen states with G.O.P. administrations. The most important Democratic victory of course was in New York, where District Attorney Tom Dewey, after a remarkable fight, came in some sixty-seven thousand votes behind the veteran Governor Lehman. He ran hundreds of thousands of votes ahead of his ticket. Which leaves Dewey a more promising political figure than ever.) It was a defeat like that in Nineteen Twenty that made Al Smith.

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In two states, Maryland and California, Republican governors were replaced by Democrats. In Maryland, Republican Harry ^eNice was beaten, and in California Republican Governor Merriam ran behind the Democrat, Culbert Olson.

One of the most spectacular features of all was the complete defeat of what was called "the little New Deal" in Pennsylvania. Not only was Governor Earle defeated by the

veteran Republican Jim Davis, the G.O.P. candidate for governor, Judge Arthur S. James, was elected by a majority of almost three hundred thousand. And -- he ran on an out-and-out anti-New Deal platform.

Another big feature in the Republican cap was the victory in Ohio. Perhaps the most important of all, I mean the election of Robert A. Taft to the United States Senate by a majority of more than a hundred and twenty-five thousand over the incumbent Democratic Senator Bulkley. As a victorious senator in a formerly Democratic state, Taft is bound to loom large in Nineteen Forty. And so perhaps will his running mate, John W. Bricker, newly elected Governor of Ohio. For Ohio is called the producer of Presidents.

In New Jersey, G.O.P. voters are chortling because they sent Warren Barbour back to the Senate and defeated Major Hague's Candidate Ely, the man who announced that he was proud to have the New Jersey mayor as his leader.

Then we have Connecticut Republican once more. Governor Cross defeated, Senator Lonergan voted down. So young Sam Pryor and his young Republican, are celebrating. In Wisconsin, the

formidable La Follette machine takes a licking, and Republican Julius Heil of Milwaukee becomes the new Governor by about a hundred thousand. There too the Democratic Senator Duffy runs second to Republican Alexander Wiley.

So we have Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kansas, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Oregon, South Dakota, Iowa, Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska -- all back in the Republican column. With the returns not quite all in.

(The defeat of Governor Murphy in Michigan was one of the headline set-backs for the New Deal -- especially after the effort made to save him by President Roosevelt himself.) No statement was forthcoming from Hyde Park today where Mr. Roosevelt is staying. But Postmaster General and National Chairman Jim Farley spoke quite frankly. Said he: "We lost several Democratic governors. To be frank, a few more than we expected. On the other hand, we elected Democratic Governors to Maryland and California, succeeding Republicans." Jim also admitted that they had lost far more seats in the Senate and House than he had expected.

STOCKS

One reaction to the election was also reported by that sometimes sensitive instrument, the stock ticker. Wall Street seemed to find the reports on the ^{voting}~~votes~~ quite encouraging. The moment the gong rang, buying orders started. In ten minutes, the high speed ticker was four minutes behind the stream of transactions and for a long while was unable to catch up. Orders from abroad showed that folks in Europe as well as over here were on the buying side. The value of Uncle Sam's dollar went up in terms of foreign exchange. The prices of commodities increased, also bonds. Later in the day, the excitement simmered down on the exchanges and trading went ~~back~~ to ~~a more~~ normal ~~course~~.

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MOONEY

Another consequence of the elections in California will be the final disposal of a long and vexatious legal case. I mean, the case of Tom Mooney, convicted of having bombed the Preparedness Day Parade Twenty-two years ago. Culbert A. Olsen, the next Governor of California, had announced during his campaign that he would pardon Mooney. He indicated today that he would keep his promise.

McADOO

Right in the middle of the election excitement, an unexpected bit of political news comes from California. Senator William G. McAdoo resigned^S his seat. Evidently ~~he didn't~~^{doesn't} think it worth ~~while~~ holding on. His term would have ended in January, anyway.

Senator McAdoo explained that he is resigning because the Maritime Commission in Washington has invited him to become Chairman of the Board of the Round-the-World Steamship Lines, the line that used to be the famous Dollar Line.

BATISTA

Cuba's Dictator, Colonel Fulgencio Batista, is on American soil today. He landed at Miami in a plane from Havana. The Iron Man of Cuba and his staff boarded a train immediately for Washington, where Batista will take part in Armistice Day exercises. He may also have a conference not only with Secretary Hull, but President Roosevelt too. Strong man of the Sugar Island at the White House.

CRASH

There was a sensation and almost a panic on the streets
of Washington, D.C., today, ^{— not political.} Two flyers of Uncle Sam's Army
airforce were piloting an attack plane over the capital. Just
as they were above the residential district of the city,
something happened. ~~to them~~ The plane crashed, fell into the
street, smashed into three motor cars parked there. Flames
burst out immediately. ^{Fire} ~~They~~ destroyed not only the plane but
the three parked automobiles. More tragic still, both ~~those~~
army flyers perished, one of them a colonel. — Col. Leslie McMill.

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Hertton.
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INTRO. TO MISS ATHERTON

Long ago when a freshman in High School - out in Colorado, in the Cripple Creek District, I took part in an oratorical contest. My first. There were four entries and my speech was on Alexander Hamilton. And I got nearly all my material from a famous book, "The Conqueror," by the eminent novelist, Gertrude Atherton, a fictional life of Hamilton.

And Gertrude Atherton has written many a successful novel since then. Also a highly salted and vigorous volume of memoirs. Her latest is a saucy and provocative tome entitled, "Can Women Be Gentlemen?" Gertrude Atherton is eighty-one years, and she should know - both about gentlemen and women. And she's here to tell us.

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L.T.: There seems to be a good deal of controversy over the main thesis of your new book - "CAN WOMEN BE GENTLEMEN?" Do you really mean that a revolution is going on among women?

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MRS. ATHERTON: Yes, I would call it a revolution. Millions of women in the United States are out in the world competing with men in business, the professions - and their political organizations are growing more powerful yearly. Their aim is complete equality. You know -- in the fifth century B.C., women were dominant in Egypt and certain other states. Man was the subordinate sex; his place was the home; he did all the work, was under-sized, and thoroughly sat upon. We have the highest authority for all of that, as I have quoted in my book. Whether the women of the future will eventually aim at domination is something that I don't dare to prophesy, but I am quite certain she will accomplish complete equality.

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"Men holding many key positions in industry and business will be

replaced by women in the next twenty-five years; almost every business man is familiar with concerns in which the brains are furnished by women, though men serve to give the company a corporate 'front.'" Women's increasing influence in business was attributed by Babson to the machine age, and its industrialization of the kitchen and the entire home, which means additional leisure time.

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L.T.: Can you quote any other prophecies?

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MRS. ATHERTON: Well, I think I will swing back to the Golden Age of Greece, and quote the great dramatic poet, Euripides -- in his Media.

"And woman, yea, woman, shall be terrible in story,
The tales too meseemeth shall be other than of yore,
For a fear there is that cometh out of women -- and a glory
And the hard hating voices shall encompass her no more."

VON RATH

(That wounded German diplomat in Paris is dead. In spite of three blood transfusions, the bullets of ²that ¹seventeen year old ^{Jewish} assassin finally proved fatal today.) The news was immediately telephoned from the German Embassy to ~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler, himself.

The French Foreign Office offered the condolences of the French Government to the parents of the murdered diplomat. The seventeen year old Polish Jew who fired the bullets is in jail, charged with attempted homicide. The accusation will now be changed to premeditated murder, which ^{may} ~~probably~~ means the guillotine.

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The reaction in Germany is only what was clearly expected two days ago. (The assassination of ^{Von Rath} ~~that young diplomatist~~ has aroused a fresh fury in Germany against the Jews.)

~~Groups~~ assembled outside the office of the French tourist agency ^{on the} Unter den Linden. They were noisy crowds, shouting "Down with the Jews." ^{And} They were mobbing people whom they suspected of being Jews buying tickets to France. ^{In fact} ~~They were~~ so violent that the manager of the agency was obliged to close ^{up.} ~~its doors.~~ However, he ~~received an apology from the police.~~

PALESTINE

(Fifteen months ago, a British Commission, headed by Lord Peel, announced a plan for partitioning Palestine. It has taken not merely time, quarrelling, recriminations, but also battle, murder and sudden death, to show that the Peel Plan wouldn't work. And today, the British government made an announcement that has been expected for weeks.

The Peel Plan is out, finished, dead, Another commission, headed by Sir John Woodhead, was assigned to investigate the Holy Land.) As a result, a British White Paper says today: "His Majesty's Government propose immediately to invite representatives of the Palestinian Arabs and neighboring states on the one hand, and Jewish agency on the other hand, to confer with them as soon as possible in London regarding future policy. That includes the question of immigration in Palestine."

However, it is also announced that this round table conference will not include those leaders who are regarded as responsible for what is described as the campaign of assassination and violence. This is interpreted to mean that among others, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem will not be one of the delegates consulted.

QUINTS

Oh yes, and we mustn't forget the Dionne quintuplets,
 those five famous young ladies of Collander, Ontario. You may
 recall that we heard yesterday that their tonsils and adenoids
 needed removing. Today we hear that ^{the removing has been done,} ~~it is all over,~~ and the famous
 young patients are doing well. Even the royal family could hardly
 have had a more complete and distinguished staff of surgeons and
 physicians, two surgeons, two anaesthesians and of course the much
 publicized Doctor Allan Roy Dafeo, with two special nurses in
 addition to the regular staff of the Dionne nursery. [#] Papa and Mama
 Dionne stood by ready to provide ~~blood~~ transfusions if ~~they had been~~
 necessary. But ^{it all ended happily.} ~~there was no need for them.~~

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