

(The Wisconsin primary is a thing of the past except for one slight uncertainty. It is possible now that Governor Dewey of New York may win one delegate, a slight chance. The election of all of the twenty-seven Wisconsin delegates has been decided, except in the Fifth Congressional election district where, last reports are that the Dewey candidate was only one hundred and twelve ~~hundred and twelve~~ votes behind the Stassen candidate, and may still catch up. All of which leaves the count at eighteen, more likely nineteen for Stassen. For ^{in Wisconsin home state -} MacArthur - eight. ^{Dewey, maybe one.} ~~Stassen~~ ~~forces of course are etc.~~

who was from Wisconsin

LEAD POLITICS

The latest from Wisconsin shows Stassen with seventeen delegates, and probably two more. MacArthur, five delegates for sure, and probably three more. Dewey none. The vote yesterday was huge, and they ^{are} still counting. With the great bulk of the ballots in, the probabilities are nineteen for Stassen, eight for MacArthur.

Well, there's nothing like American politics for a surprise. Even in this ^(era) ~~(era)~~ of public opinion polls, an election can produce a result that can reverse a situation completely - ~~stand the situation on its head,~~ ~~if the situation has a head.~~ So what are the reactions today to the surprise?

(The Stassen forces, of course, are jubilant over the brilliant ^(victory) ~~(victory)~~ that only they expected - or said they expected. From the MacArthur side, the General in Tokyo has nothing to say. But in Washington today, there was glum comment from a Congressman Miller of Nebraska, the principal MacArthur supporter in Congress.)

He declared: "The General may see fit to withdraw - in view of this slap in the face. But I don't know."

FOLLOW POLITICS

How does Governor Dewey feel about it? ^(Dewey) He won ninety delegates in New York yesterday and is still far ahead in the delegate race. But, ^(Wisconsin) ~~Wisconsin~~ was a blow.) So is he surprised and disappointed?

Today as he started for Nebraska to campaign there, Tom Dewey took from his pocket a sealed envelope. In it was a slip of paper, on which he had written down his own expectation, his prediction of the outcome in Wisconsin. He had marked it down days before the voters went to the poles. So now he opened the sealed envelope, and showed the prophecy to the newsmen.

Here are the figures, the Dewey forecast was that MacArthur would win nineteen delegates, six for Stassen - and two for Dewey himself. He expected to run last and was right about that. Therefore today's result was not a stunning disappointment for Tom Dewey.

~~However, being right about himself, he was completely wrong about MacArthur and Stassen. Which is another illustration of how even the best informed prognosticators can go wrong in politics. Governor Dewey's~~

~~mistake was shared by most forecasters - like one time Presidential condidate Alf Landon, whom I quoted last night as predicting that in the ~~exp~~ Wisconsin primary the ~~xxxx~~ overwhelming victory would go to the favorite son, ~~McArthur~~.~~

Today trying to get a line on the new state of affairs - I called on a sick friend. That old chesnut phrase describes it accurately. I dropped in to see political columnist Mark Sullivan, who was in bed with a severely injured back. What ~~hp~~ happened to him? The answer ~~t~~ is another old familiar line - he slipped while taking a bath. Mark Sullivan is laid up for a few days. He'll be okay soon, but meanwhile he is unable to get out his daily column. So this, in a way, is a ~~xxxx~~ report to Mark Sullivan readers, who may want to know what their favorite analyst thinks about the surprise upset in

Wisconsin. *HP* Mark Sullivan, who knows as much about the American political scene as any man alive, ~~he~~ told me he was as astonished as any by the Stassen sweep, and attributed it to the vigorous campaign waged by the man from Minnesota and also the ambitious

farm program he presented, [^]promises to the farmers.

Stassen conducted what they call a grass roots campaign, old fashioned stumping, speechmaking, handshaking - traditional American electioneering.

He said he was inclined to count MacArthur out - on the ground that, if a favorite son cannot win in his own home state, his cause is hopeless. So where will the MacArthur vote go? Mark Sullivan noted that the support for the General was largely conservative and therefore his followers are likely to go either to Taft or to Dewey - Taft being considered conservative, Dewey moderate. That he thought, was likely to have its effect in the Nebraska primary election - next Tuesday.

Mark Sullivan noted the fact that the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia will consist of over a thousand delegates, Wisconsin sending - twenty-seven, a mere small fraction. He pointed out that the vast majority of the delegates will be unpledged - sent to vote whichever way they please. Hitherto, most of them have not thought Harold Stassen really in the

running, just a dark horse. Now, after his Wisconsin victory, he will be taken much more seriously. That, said Mark Sullivan, might point to the principal element of Stassen's strength.

The veteran columnist had one more point of philosophy to expound. Lying in bed, as a result of an accident while taking a bath, he said that his experience points a moral. The moral ~~being~~ - don't take a bath.

Mark, maybe the Bedouin of the desert have the right idea. They bathe by rubbing themselves or rolling in the sand.

LEWIS

News of the coal mine strike sounds like a repeat, a return bout, old time opponents rematched. Again it's Lewis versus Goldsborough - just as it was a year ago. That was the time when Federal Judge Goldsborough found John L. Lewis guilty of contempt of ~~the~~ court and slapped on the union chief and his union fines totalling three million dollars - fines later reduced by the Supreme Court. which was quite a decision to lose in the battle of Lewis versus Goldsborough,

~~Today~~ ^{today} In Washington, John L. Lewis, appealed to a Federal Court against a temporary injunction ordering Lewis and the union to make an end to the current coal strike - ~~and~~ and who should be the Judge before whom the case came? ~~A~~ Why, his Honor, T. Alan Goldsborough, same old nemesis for John L. Lewis. The union lawyers argued that the temporary injunction should be dissolved, because neither Lewis nor the union had ~~not~~ ordered the miners to go on strike - they went out on their own accord.

So now, here's the verdict. Judge Goldsborough rejects the union plea, and orders John L. Lewis to

appear in court next Monday and explain why he should not be cited for contempt of court. Judge Goldsborough declares that if the union chief cannot explain why he defied the court order, he shall be tried in the District Court on April Fourteenth - ~~tried~~ for contempt.

All of which sounds ^{just} ~~so~~ like a year ago, ^{so} ~~same-old~~ ^{much so} ~~thing~~ that you may be tempted to tune out the radio and say - "This is where I came in."

PAN AMERICAN

At the Pan American conference, a campaign was launched today on a subject about as thorny as any that you could toss into a conference. It's covered with thorns! Latin American countries began their oratory to back the demand that all European colonies be abolished in the Americas.

Argentina and Guatemala sallied loudly to the attack. Argentina - demanding the Falkland Islands^d, which ~~the South American Republic~~ ^{the Argentinians} claims from Great Britain.

Guatemala - insisting on getting British Honduras.

Venezuela likewise makes a claim - demanding possession of British Guiana. ^{So,} The Latin American campaign to abolish European colonies in the Americas - is aimed at Great Britain.

Now it's most unlikely that the United States will support any such action against a friend and ally so important in the present world crisis. Most unlikely that we will join in requiring Britain to give up ^{any} ~~their~~ colonies in the Americas. The whole thing must be quite a headache for Secretary of State Marshall. He, normally,

has an abundance of grief in Washington, and now he has journeyed all the way to South America, to the city of Bogota in the Republic of Colombia - to have some more grief.

BERLIN

When you have dealings with Soviet Russia things are likely to get around to the Alice in Wonderland stage. That's the case - even in so grim an affair as the Berlin air crash on Monday, when a Russian fighter plane collided with a British air transport, fourteen lives lost. Tonight brings a Soviet reply to the formal complaint the British government made - and the reply is a rejection.

The British demanded a four-power investigation - to determine ~~whether~~ whether or not the Soviet fighter plane was buzzing the British air transport. In this Red Marshall Sokolovsky says - no. He responds with a counter demand - calling upon London to give assurance that British planes will not in the future "force down" Soviet planes. Yes, those are the words - "force down". Such is the Soviet interpretation of the disastrous air crash - the ponderous British air liner ~~was~~ trying to force down Soviet fighter plane. Yes, it is true Alice-in-Wonderland.

Here's the latest on the ~~subject~~ subject.

The wife ^{of} ~~an~~ an American Army officer, arriving in London

states that two Soviet fighter planes buzzed the American passenger transport in which she flew. Mrs. Kay Barat described how the Russian fighters came diving toward the American airliner, passing on each side. The passengers were told to fasten their safety belts in the peril of a collision.

ITALY

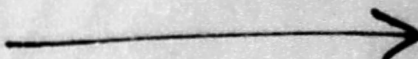
From Italy there's news of desertions from the ranks of the Communists, desertions by politicians of key importance -- they've gone over to the enemy. This is reported in both northern and southern Italy.

In the northern province of Emilia, the Mayors of two towns announce they have quite the Communist Party and are joining the moderate Christian Democrats.

In the south, fifteen provincial leaders of the Reds are said to have deserted the Communists and gone over to the Catholic party - the same true of numbers in the rank and file of the Soviet supporting left wing.

Near Taranto, ancient Tarentum, a member of a town council gives his reason for quitting the Communists. He says that every time he handed out the campaign literature of the Reds he felt what he calls, "excruciating pangs of conscience." Not to mention, I suppose, the excruciating pangs of intelligence and common sense.

These desertions look bad for the Communists

in the approaching election, and the Reds are making a counter attack with a new line of wild and wooly propaganda. A news dispatch from Rome states that all the Communist newspapers in Italy today blew the same blast declaring that American union labor is backing up the Italian Reds, shouting that the mass of American wage earners are entering the Italian election campaign on the side of Communism, 

~~Well, maybe some left wing American unions have expressed such sentiments with the Reds over there citing that to back up their new propoganda.~~

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ADD ITALY

Here's the latest. Officials of the Maritime union of the C I O admit that they sent cables to Italian Communist leaders upholding the Red cause in the election campaign, ^{and that} union President Joseph Curran knew nothing about it. Also the executive secretary of the fur workers in New York states that his union sent a similar cable supporting the Italian Communists.

EGYPT

The ancient land of Egypt has been having days of trouble, a strike by the police, and today the labor disturbances were climaxed in fantastic fashion - by a hospital strike. At Cairo a thousand orderlies ~~z~~ struck ~~by~~ for higher pay, and barricaded themselves in the hospital - which is the largest in the land of the Nile.

The police intervened, the strikers took refuge on the hospital roof, where they fought off the Egyptian gendarmes. They hurled stones, bottles and boiling water. The police were enraged especially by the boiling water, as who wouldn't be? They retorted with gunfire and tear gas bombs.

Meanwhile five hundred medical students at the hospital joined the strikers in their battle, which multiplied the uproar. Fighting raged through hospital wards, and you can imagine the state of mind of the patients. They had come to be cured, and now they were in the middle of a war. The battle spread to the maternity ward^d, where two babies were born during the fracas.

Altogether, today's hospital strike in Cairo

BUDDHIST MONKS

Over in China, an episode of terror and horror,
An episode of heroism and holiness - in the Oriental sense,
It was a Buddhist act of self immolation.

Near the city of Chingkiang is a legended
Buddhist Temple, a thousand years old, and today it caught
fire. In a brief time the ancient sanctuary was a mass
of flames. In the shrine were twenty Buddhist Monks at
prayer, the fire interrupting them. - But, they were not
to be interrupted. With all the calmness of the age-old
faith of the Lord Buddha, they remained unmoved at their
prayers, while the flames raged upon them.

Firemen tired to get them to leave, implored
them, but the twenty Buddhist Monks merely went on with
their ritual of mystic devotion. They were consumed by
fire. - But what did fire mean to them in their Buddhist
quest for self annihilation and the oblivion of Nirvana?

Back in Eighteen-Eighty-Five at Bristol, in England - Miss Sarah Henley decided to end it all. The reason - a Lover's quarrel. After which she felt that life was not worth living. So she jumped off the great suspension bridge across the River Avon. Which was romantic enough, the Avon being sacred in the legend of Shakespeare, Stratford-on-Avon. The bridge is high, and the jump should be a sure guarantee of oblivion.

Today at Bristol, sixty-three ~~xxxx~~ years, later, that same Miss Sarah Henley died - at the age of eighty-four. An event to interest historians - because that jump into the Avon long long ago has a place, not only in the sentimental pages of romance, but also in the history of aviation.

Back in Eighteen-Eighty-Five, hoop skirts were the vogue, and the lass with a ^(broken)~~xxxxxx~~ heart wore the stately costume of the victorian era. So she jumped in hoop skirts, and the result was like a parachute experiment. The wide skirts ballooned out, held in place by the hoops, and the tragic young lady drifted gently down to the waters

of the Shakespearean Avon. In fact, since the wind was blowing, she drifted most of the way across the River, where they fished her out. Quite a voyage through the air, in quest of oblivion - the lovelorn damsel going on record as the first lady parachutist. All ~~the~~ ^a result of a broken heart. *Saved by a billowing hoop skirt, would you say, Nelson?*