

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1931

ELECTION

Good Evening, Everybody:

There's plenty of tense interest in Washington tonight.

The Associated Press observes that political leaders are watching the election returns as a barometer for 1932. They believe the voters today have given some hint regarding how far the people at large are blaming or not blaming the administration for the economic depression.

The International News Service reports the Democrats are confident that today's voting is going to give them control of Congress. And at this hour tonight it looks though they are right.

Everything hinged on the five Congressional seats that are being filled. The latest report is that the vacant Congressional seats in Brooklyn and Cleveland, have been won by the Democrats. But it is conceded that the Republicans have elected their man in the second Pennsylvania district, in Philadelphia.

The first Ohio, Nich Longworth's old domain, has gone Republican, but the eighth Michigan district which is normally Republican, has gone Democratic.

So, apparently the Democrats have won control of the House of Representatives. Evidently they will have 217 seats, the Republicans 215, farm labor one, and there are still two more vacancies to be filled.



1 Well, this evening the Beautiful  
2 Lady Prosperity comes waltzing ~~up~~ *along*  
3 decked with wreaths and garlands and  
4 festoons of macaroni.

5 ~~well~~, It seems as though  
6 macaroni may be the ~~xxxxx~~ gladsome  
7 harbinger of more prosperoud days.

8 Wheat went to a dollar a bushel today -  
9 that is, one carload did. Dollar wheat  
10 is a thing which the farmers have been  
11 praying for, these many months. It is a  
12 thing which might readily mean that  
13 the depression is on its way out.

14 The International News Service  
15 reports that today at Minneapolis  
16 one carload of wheat sold at a dollar  
17 a bushel. What kind of wheat was it?

18 Why, it was amber durum wheat.  
19 Now, amber durum wheat is used in making  
20 macaroni.

21 *And*, Wheat prices in general are  
22 bounding merrily upward. The grain market  
23 is better than it has been in a long  
24 time. ~~And now that~~ macaroni wheat is  
25 leading the way and has already touched

1 that sacred dollar a bushel high spot.

2 I suppose that's not so strange  
3 after all because there are a lot of  
4 Italians in this country who simply must  
5 ~~have to~~ have their macaroni.

6 *So eviova ē macaroni!*



# AIRPLANES

1 <sup>And,</sup> Business seems to be booming  
2 in the aviation industry. <sup>That is,</sup> They say ~~that~~  
3 the airlines are doing a good deal  
4 better this year than they did last.

5 At Chicago Clarence M. Young,  
6 Assistant Secretary of Commerce for  
7 Aeronautics, declared that according to  
8 present figures the total number of  
9 passengers carried in airplanes this year  
10 will come to seven hundred thousand.

11 ~~xxxxxxx Remember,~~ Last year it was  
12 four hundred thousand.

13 It is expected that in 1932  
14 the number of sky passengers will <sup>jump</sup> ~~be as~~  
15 ~~high as one~~ <sup>to a</sup> million.

1 Well, this is a nutty state.  
2 Yes, New York seems to be going nutty  
3 this year. I mean the nut crop is bigger  
4 than usual.

5 An Associated Press dispatch  
6 relates that in central New York the  
7 trees are bowed down under a weight of  
8 butternuts, walnuts, and hickory nuts.

9 There's only one kind of nut  
10 that isn't flourishing so well, and it's  
11 the chestnut. ~~A blight hit the trees~~  
12 ~~this year, and the chestnut crop isn't~~  
13 ~~so good.~~

14 I suppose you'd call this a  
15 nutty kind of prosperity, but just the  
16 same it's helping the New York State  
17 farmers ~~along~~ quite a bit. And this  
18 week end I'll probably be among the  
19 nut gatherers,  
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1 Now ~~comes~~<sup>for</sup> a series of amazing  
2 facts. They tell us of cycles, regular  
3 periods of rise and fall. # The activity  
4 of nature seems to go in waves. The  
5 animals of the wilderness increase  
6 suddenly in numbers. Then they decrease  
7 just as suddenly.

8 In this week's Literary Digest  
9 there is an article headed "Strange Cycles  
10 in Animal Life." It tells us of the  
11 findings of the Canadian Biological  
12 Conference on Mamatak River, in the  
13 province of Quebec. The biologists  
14 ~~there~~<sup>d</sup> devote their attention to the almost  
15 weird way in which the numbers of wild  
16 animals increase and decrease in regular  
17 cycles.

18 The Literary Digest quotes an  
19 article in the New York Times which tells  
20 us that many birds and animals increase  
21 and decrease regularly in four year  
22 cycles. Northern mice, the strange  
23 lemming of Scandinavia, the fantastic  
24 Arctic ptarmigan, the Arctic fox, the  
25 snowy owl, and other ~~types of~~ creatures

1 will flourish in numbers  
 2 ~~be tremendously~~ enormous one  
 3 season. Then they will die off by the  
 4 millions and become scarce. Four years  
 5 later they are swarming again in  
 6 countless numbers. This cycle is shown  
 7 clearly in the <sup>Arctic</sup> fur trade where the number  
 8 of pelts brought in is great or small in  
 9 ~~accordance in regular succession.~~  
 10 <sup>periodical waves,</sup>

11 But the most important cycle of  
 12 all is one of between nine and ten years.  
 13 An immense variety of birds, animals,  
 14 fishes and even of plant life is subject  
 15 to a periodic change which takes place  
 16 every nine years or so. This cycle  
 17 seems to be connected with the changes  
 18 of the moon. The moon in her movements  
 19 follows the cycle of eighteen and a half  
 20 years, which is twice the natural cycle  
 21 of between nine and ten years.

22 And then here's something  
 23 almost fantastic in that article which  
 24 the Literary Digest gives us. Economic  
 25 conditions in the United States follow  
 the same cycle as the moon. We seem to  
 have a panic every eighteen and four-



1 tenths years, and that comes mighty  
2 close to the lunar cycle of eighteen  
3 and a half years.

4                   What is the cause for these  
5 strange periodical changes?

6                   The Literary Digest tells us  
7 that the ultimate cause is a profound  
8 mystery and then goes ahead to give us  
9 bits of other strange information which  
10 tend to link these weird facts to each  
11 other.

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1           If you've ever been pushed  
2 around by a crowd in a theater, and the  
3 usher took you to the wrong seat, and so  
4 on -- why, you'll sympathize with this one.

5           It's told by Louis Sherwin,  
6 special writer for the New York Evening  
7 Post, who writes a piece about the  
8 opening of the New York opera season last  
9 night.

10           Louis said he was milling around  
11 trying to get to his seat, and so was  
12 another chap who apparently was a regular  
13 opera goer. Louis overheard this regular  
14 opera goer say to one of the girl ushers:-

15           "Madam, I have a season of 24  
16 weeks before me. Don't make me use all  
17 my patience the first night."

18           A sidelight on the opening of the  
19 opera in Chicago comes in the fact that  
20 the tenor couldn't get his feet out of the  
21 way of the train of the prima donna's  
22 gown. The Associated Press reports that  
23 Jan Kiepura, a young Polish tenor, made  
24 his debut and sang very well in La Tosca.  
25 As a result, he and Claudio Muzio, the



1 prima donna, had to respond to salvos of  
2 applause. They made a number of curtain  
3 calls. The happy young tenor while taking  
4 a bow got his feet all twisted up in the  
5 train of the stately Muzio's flowing  
6 gown. He <sup>extricated them,</sup> bowed to her and apologized  
7 profusely. Then they took another curtain  
8 call, and he did the same thing all over  
9 again.

10 This time he got what W. O.  
11 McGēhan would call his dogs all wrapped  
12 up in the prima donna's silken train, and  
13 he did some more bowing and apologizing.  
14 And thereafter, I suppose, he kept on the  
15 other side of the stage, as far as possible  
16 from that silken snare worn by the prima  
17 donna, for it must have seemed to him  
18 something like fly-paper.

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1           There was a man hunt on today  
2 in the desert east of Owens Valley,  
3 California. The authorities were hunting  
4 for two men who blew up the section of  
5 the aqueduct which carries water from  
6 Owens River to the city of Los Angeles,  
7 two hundred <sup>and</sup> fifty miles away.

8           The United Press quotes police  
9 investigators as saying that the two  
10 men were employees working on the water  
11 system. They became disgruntled about  
12 something or other and resorted to  
13 dynamite. They placed a charge of high  
14 explosives under the ~~high~~ nine foot  
15 syphon at Jaw-bone Canyon, and then  
16 fled into the desert. The explosion  
17 did plenty of damage. Five million  
18 gallons of water poured out, before it  
19 could be got under control.

20           Los Angeles, however, wasn't  
21 inconvenienced particularly. Even with  
22 the blow-up the water supply was ~~x~~  
23 sufficient for the city.

24           There has~~e~~ been <sup>a</sup> long series  
25 of disputes connected with the aqueduct.



1 Trouble has flared up periodically for  
2 the past twenty years, and one attempt  
3 after another has been made to damage  
4 the water system.

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1           The police in Chicago have  
2 discovered a regular arsenal used by the  
3 gangs. They raided a place and found  
4 a workshop equipped with elaborate  
5 mechanism.

6           The Associated Press quotes the  
7 Chicago police as saying that this  
8 establishment was the place where  
9 Chicago gangdom kept its firearms in  
10 order, where ~~the~~ pistols and machine  
11 guns were oiled and polished up. It was  
12 likewise a place where they had the  
13 numbers removed from their weapons.  
14 There's always a chance that a pistol  
15 can be traced by its serial number, and  
16 so the gangsters commonly make it a  
17 point to have the numbers filed off.

18           In the same formidable workshop  
19 a large store of counterfeiting  
20 implements ~~were~~<sup>was</sup> found. Apparently the <sup>virtuous</sup>  
21 scientists who ran the place were  
22 manufacturing a bit of false money as  
23 well as keeping the guns of the gangs  
24 in order.

25           The Chicago cops did a clever



1 bit of sleuthing in getting on the trail  
 2 of gangdom's armament headquarters.  
 3 No, they probably didn't do it the way  
 4 Sherlock Holmes and other detectives  
 5 in books perform their exploits. They  
 6 probably used the actual methods of  
 7 common workaday police, which are quite  
 8 different.

9 ~~And talking about clever~~  
 10 ~~sleuthing reminds me of a~~ <sup>I've been reading</sup> book, ~~I've~~  
 11 ~~been reading. It's~~ a novel which gives  
 12 us, not the usual improbable kind of  
 13 detective work that you find in Sherlock  
 14 Holmes stories, but goes on to show the  
 15 police solving a mystery ~~xxxx~~ with the  
 16 customary methods and tricks of real  
 17 life. ~~The book is~~ <sup>It's</sup> called Big Nick, ~~and~~  
 18 ~~It's~~ written by Prosper Buranelli, <sup>of Cross</sup>  
 19 <sup>word Puzzle fame.</sup> ~~newspaper friend of mine~~

20 It tells of a big, jovial,  
 21 hard-boiled detective who goes out to  
 22 solve ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> crime mystery by using the  
 23 methods the police actually use. Here's  
 24 the way that rollicking tough guy  
 25 cop explains it:

"Sometimes we plain-clothes cops do pull a Sherlock Holmes, but it's seldom - it's good if you can, but mostly you can't. Our methods are different. They have less of false romance, more of violent wolf-and-rat drama. There are perplexities, puzzles, ingenuities, unravelings, but they are different. The problems are darkly human. The solutions are darkly human."

That's what Big Nick has to say and I guess he's right. Anyway, he goes on to solve a deep and dark mystery by the use of methods which give you a sense of hard-boiled excitement on one page and a howling laugh on another.



## AKRON

The world's record for carrying passengers into the sky was broken today when Uncle Sam's new giant dirigible the Akron, took 207 people aboard and sailed away among the clouds.

The previous record was held by the huge German seaplane, the DO-X, which carried 169 people on one flight.

Today the Akron with 207 aboard, soared into the sky at Lakehurst, New Jersey. The New York Sun adds that the passengers consisted chiefly of officers, enlisted men, and marines of the Lakewood Station.

The Akron, with her record breaking passenger list, made a quiet trip through the sky. There was no trouble. Everything went off according to schedule.

This is another indication of what a fine success the big ship has been. Her commander is enthusiastic about her - and she is indeed a majestic awe-inspiring sight in the sky.

1 (A dramatic but not unexpected  
2 move in British politics comes in the  
3 resignation of Lloyd George from the  
4 leadership of the Liberal Party. Lloyd  
5 George is stepping out simply because he  
6 knows that he hasn't a chance of holding  
7 on as the leader of the historic old  
8 party which <sup>has</sup> cut such a great figure in  
9 British history.

10 He split his party <sup>right</sup> in two during  
11 the recent election campaign in England.)  
12 The bulk of the Liberals supported the  
13 present co-operative government, but  
14 Lloyd George said NO, he would not make  
15 an alliance with the Conservatives.

16 Well, he backed the wrong horse.  
17 It was an overwhelming Conservative  
18 victory, and only three followers of Lloyd  
19 George were elected to Parliament. One is  
20 his daughter, another his son, and the  
21 third is his son-in-law. And that makes  
22 the Lloyd George faction of the Liberal  
23 party look ~~very much~~ like a family <sup>reunion</sup> ~~affair~~.

24 His place, <sup>adds</sup> ~~says~~ the New York  
25 Evening Post, will be taken by Sir Herbert

Samuel, a member of the present government, who will be the leader of 35 Liberal members in Parliament. Sir Herbert has long been known in British politics as the Oyster, because of his dead pan face. I knew him when he was High Commissioner of Palestine and I can vouch for the fact that he has a perfect poker face just as an Oyster has. But he is a brilliant man.

Well, the resignation of Lloyd George from his party leadership marks the lowest point of the political fortunes of the man who during the World War was the spectacular and powerful head of the British government.



## BEEES

And now we have the busy bee -- but, it seems, the not-very-intelligent bee.

The United Press gives us a report on some studies made by Doctor William C. Wilson, a scientist on the subject of bees. He has three bee farms on which dwell 6 million of the busy insects.

The Doctor has been busy figuring out how far those bees fly in their wanderings in quest of honey. He reckons that a swarm will fly a total of between 50 and 75,000 miles while they are making one cube of honey, which weighs a pounds. That pound will sell for 25 cents.

No, it doesn't seem like shrewd business on the part of the busy bee to fly 75,000 miles to make 25-cents worth of honey.

Well, here's one busy bee that's going to make a bee-line for just about a mile, for 60¢ worth of dinner, and --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.