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But, what do a few straws amount to in a blizzard?

A certain New York magazine is still trying to digest a stack of straws.

Dust and the shadows falling over London, see—Ben Catley sent us that one.

Gen. Gallop probably claims that it was the straw that broke the elephant's back.

The Publishers' Autocaster Service ought to cast far more carefully over the country, if it conducts an other poll.

We sincerely trust that the outcome of the election will end the straw vote craze. Such polls serve no good purpose. They are often misleading, and are, we suspect, used as political propaganda, sometimes beclouding the issues that are before the people for determination. This time the Literary Digest poll, heretofore believed to be the most trustworthy of the straw ballots, was so wide of the mark, that it must have discredited the whole procedure.

**WHITHER NOW?**

The complete triumph of the Democratic party on Tuesday, when it literally swept the country from coast to coast and from border to border, places in that party's hands the greatest amount of power ever entrusted to a political party by an American electorate.

With that victory and that power goes also an increased and humbling responsibility.

If the party meets the responsibility as it should, its lease on power to more or less degree seems assured for years to come. If it fails to measure up to the standard that the American people have set for a great national party to administer their affairs, it will go down in defeat and another will take its place.

The first thing for the officials all the way from the President down to realize is that they are the officials of all the people, Democrats and Republicans alike. The surest way for the party to continue in power is to act upon that hypothesis.

They should seek to serve all the people, rich and poor, farmer and laborer, manufacturer and buyer, banker and depositor. It is, we believe, because the people felt that this has been the attitude of the present Administration, that they have returned it to power with so overwhelming a vote of confidence.

Another thing to be taken into consideration is that great power is some times dangerous, and that a minority must be given an opportunity to speak its opposition. There must be no gag rule either in Congress, in State Legislatures, or at the ballot box. Obstructionist tactics should not be permitted; but the minority must be given to feel that its voice can be heard, that it is treated generously, and that it is not steam-rolled into silence. Such tactics as that were attributed to the Republican party in its stronghold of Pennsylvania, and caused such an increasing resentment among all classes of the people there that they finally turned upon in and drove it from power. A lesson is there for all parties. To take the other course is not only fair and just; it is also good sense and good politics.

The Democrats should be careful that no resentment is aroused against them by reason of a feeling of unfairness. The people have given them a ten million majority vote of confidence, and, if the party expects to continue in power over a long period of years, as it did in the days of Jackson, that respect and confidence must be held at all hazards.

**WASHINGTON NEWS**

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firmly on British soil, there will be a large financial return to the American manufacturers who own these patents. Also, it is possible, in case the State Department should hold that it would be improper for American factories to build bombing planes even for a nation which is not at war, that more of these factories will establish Canadian branches.

There is no question whatever in the minds of the best informed people in Washington that a great European war is imminent and that it will find

the lineup very much as it was at the beginning of the World War. At that time it was Germany and Austria against practically all the rest of Europe. In the beginning, Russia was fighting Germany on the Eastern Front and Italy stayed out of the war for nearly a year. Precisely that is what is anticipated now. There is a tendency here to discredit the reports of Russian's military strength. For a year the Russians have been industriously circulating the report that they have the largest and best disciplined army, completely equipped, that ever existed, and that they have been building military airplanes even faster than Germany. For a while Russia had the rest of the world pretty badly scared, but lately the feeling reflected in the State Department, which, of course, in close touch with all the governments of the world, is that there is much more smoke than fire in the Russian menace.

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**TODAY and TOMORROW**

(By Frank Parker Stoelbridge)

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means of production. It was the belief of the Luther of modern socialism that there is an instinctive class solidarity which has more power to move men in the mass than any other human emotion. That this is not true has been demonstrated whenever a nation has had to face a crisis in its affairs. Under such conditions class distinctions vanish and national feeling takes precedence over class feeling.

Something like that is happening today in Russia, where the largest experiment in socialism has been going on for 18 years. The Russian people are losing their class consciousness and gaining a national or patriotic consciousness.

They are beginning to recognize, as people eventually always come to recognize, that the interests of one are the interests of all and that any effort to partition mankind into permanent opposing economic groups is bound to fail.

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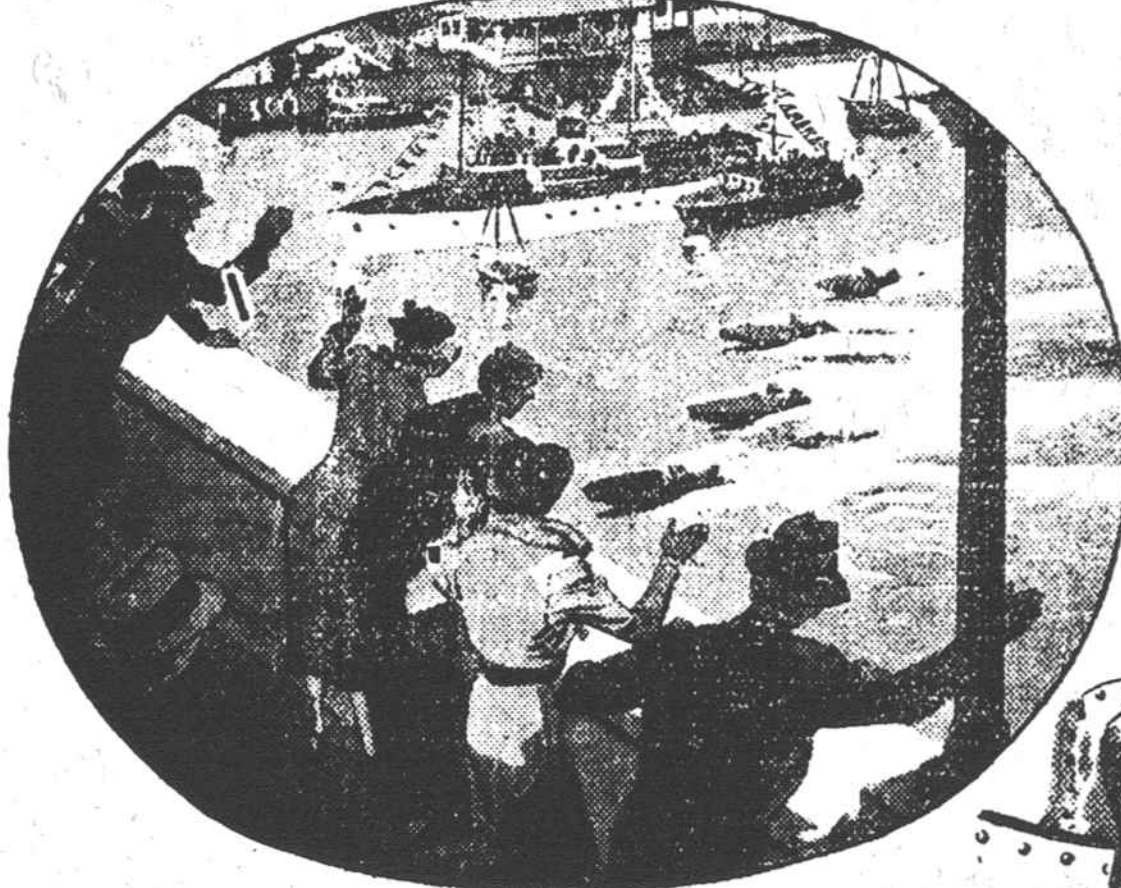
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