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Post-Election Thoughts

THE splendid spirit of sportsmanship manifested by Republicans and anti-New Deal Democrats in accepting their defeat in Tuesday's election is a fine omen for continued recovery throughout the country.

From Landon came the prompt and gracious statement:

"The nation has spoken. Every American will accept the verdict and work for the common cause of the good of our country."

Alfred E. Smith, who bolted his party and turned on an old friend to support the Republican nominee, also showed a magnanimous attitude, declaring:

"Every citizen, every real American, must put his shoulder to the wheel and stand behind the president."

Editorial writers and radio news commentators in all parts of the country have joined in wholehearted congratulations for the president and in expressions of confidence that the country will continue to go forward under his leadership.

Some comment has pointed out that a strong minority is still a wholesome and necessary influence for the nation's welfare, and many good Democrats are hopeful that Tuesday's overwhelming defeat of the Republican party will not discourage its leaders in voicing sincere opposition. The success of Democratic government is founded upon conflicting viewpoints given absolutely free expression. As Senator Gore of Oklahoma has remarked:

"Conservatism, without the conflict of an opposing progressivism, will stagnate; progressivism, unimpeded by conservatism, will achieve a runaway speed."

Several fundamental issues were definitely settled in the election; but others will crop up from time to time and for the next four years it will be as imperative as ever, even more imperative than in the last four years, for the American public to maintain an active interest in their government. We have taken a step in the right direction, a momentous step that doubtless will mark the transition from one era to another, and it bodes well that the citizenry is so squarely behind the administration. It is a healthy sign that the rancor of the campaign has given way to a spirit of helpful cooperation. We rejoice, but in rejoicing we also point to the wisdom of "keeping an eye" both on the present and the future. Let us not feel that our duties as voters have ended in casting our ballots. The citizen's job is a continuing duty, not a responsibility that can be dispensed with once every four years.

Now that the heat of the election is over and partisanship may be forgotten, we may render ourselves and our nation a finer service by giving temperate and unselfish consideration to national problems.

We Still Have Liberty

THE Statute of Liberty, which stands on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor and greets the incoming passengers on the ships from other nations, was fifty years old last week.

Miss Liberty is probably the most famous statue in the world. She was designed by the great French sculptor, Frederick Bartholdi, and given to the American people by the people of France, who raised a fund by popular subscription to cast that gigantic statue in bronze and set it up in the Port of New York. This was a testimonial of the 100-year-old friendship between France and America, a tribute from one great democracy to another great democracy. These two nations, almost alone among the nations of the world, stood fifty years ago as the great exponents of the principle of government of the people for the people by the people.

Under the pressure of economic stress and subversive doctrines France now seems to have receded somewhat from its ancient liberty-loving ideals, but she still remains as one of the bulwarks of popular government. The liberty which Bartholdi's statue acclaimed still remains the most precious possession of the people of America. This nation so far has successfully resisted every attempt to curtail or abridge individual liberty of thought, speech and action.

It is to be hoped that fifty years from now the spirit symbolized by the great bronze statue in New York harbor will still be the proudest possession of the people of the United States.—Selected.

"Gone With The Wind" — by A. B. CHAPIN



BRUCE BARTON

Says:

PAS



LET THEM HOWL

Coming to work Monday morning, with a heart full of peace and good will, I found two letters on my desk.

"Sir: I long have been a reader of your pieces, but your last editorial was the best you ever have written. I have cut it out and am going to frame it and hang it in my office."

The other letter referred to the same identical editorial:

"Sir: Much of the time I have agreed with you, but after reading your last week's effusion I bid you farewell. Such a bunch of baloney!"

Being naturally a sensitive person, I suffered from criticism in my early days. Once, when an article of mine contained a blunder for which the editor received caustic letters, I felt so sick I stayed in bed all one day.

But as time went on I developed a philosophy as to criticism and so, it seems to me, must every man who is going to get anything done. The first point in the philosophy is that you can't please everybody, and that much criticism, good or bad, is entirely uninformed.

One can not be guided too much by the public because the public is so changeable. Every public character of any influence has been popular at some time in his career and unpopular at others.

Criticism is good for us. We need it, no matter how well meaning or careful we may be. One time when John Morley was being severely handled by the English press Gladstone said to him: "Take it from me that to endure trampling-on with patience and self-control is no bad element in the preparation of a man for walking firmly and successfully in the path of great public duty. Be sure that discipline is full of blessings."

Finally, and in the last analysis a man has to do his best and go forward. A famous old English schoolmaster had this motto, of which I am fond: "Never explain, never retract, never apologize. Get it done and let them howl."

LET'S PREACH POSITIVE FAITH

Years ago an eminent economist had an idea.

Selecting one protestant denomination whose records had been kept carefully, he set down the number of new members added each year. Opposite this, in another column, he classified each year from an economic standpoint as prosperous or bad.

The year 1869 was a bad year; nineteen thousand people joined this particular church. In 1866 came panic, and new members jumped to thirty thousand.

Then years of "good" times, but bad times for the church, until the panic of 1873, when up shot the membership, reaching a "new high" in 1877, when prosperity registered a "new low."

I fancy the same thing is happening today; at least our church has been full recently. Last Sunday the preacher said that religion consists in being able to recognize the extraordinary in the ordinary things of life.

Many people see the turmoil of the present, and say: "It is confusion; it is anarchy; it is hopeless." But those who are wiser say: "It is God remoulding His world into a new and better image. Let us bestir ourselves and go forward."

The sermon lifted us. It was a clear prophetic voice announcing that the Power which made the world has not deserted it, is still working in it. It made us feel that we ought to lift our eyes and be active, lest these great and far-reaching changes come to pass without our recognizing them.

I advise all preachers these days to preach a positive faith. To put aside any sermons that criticize people or discourage them, and preach confidence, courage and hope.

Men need this now. If the church can provide it, the church will make great gains.

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The Churches

FRANKLIN METHODIST
Chesley C. Herbert, Jr., Pastor
(Each Sunday)

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.

11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.

7:15 p. m.—Epworth League

meeting.
8:00 p. m.—Evening worship.
Carson's Chapel
(2nd and 4th Sundays)
2:30 p. m.—Preaching service.

EPISCOPAL
Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
St. Agnes, Franklin
(Sunday, November 8)
11:00 a. m.—Morning prayer sermon.
Incarnation, Highlands
(Sunday, November 8)
10:00 a. m.—Church school.
4:00 p. m.—Evensong and sermon.
(Thursday, November 12)
7:30 p. m.—Bible class in rooms.

FIRST BAPTIST
Sunday
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.
7:00 p. m.—B. T. U.
8:00 p. m.—Evening worship.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service.

PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor
Franklin
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school.
Lancaster, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.—Preaching service.
7:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor prayer meeting.
Morrison Chapel
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
Ant McClure, superintendent.

CATHOLIC
Rev. Howard V. Lane, Pastor
(1st and 3rd Sundays)
5:00 p. m.—Sunday school in American Legion Hall.
7:30 p. m.—Devotions and sermon in Legion Hall.
(2nd and 4th Sundays)
8:00 a. m.—Mass will be said in the Legion Hall.

RECOGNIZE HAWAIIAN BAPTIST
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ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of J. M. Mize, deceased, late Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of November, 1937, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. persons indebted to said estate please make immediate settlement. This 5th day of November, 1937.

LELA WILSON, Administratrix
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