

Leopold And Loeb Not To Die

Results Maine Election Pleasing To Republicans

Represents Big Loss as Compared With 1920, but as Compared With 1922 Indicates Tide Has Turned—But Klan Issue Gives Democrats Alibi

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Washington, Sept. 9.—As goes Maine so goes the Nation in an old battle cry of the Republican party and the Democrats have been loath to use it except when the election appeared to be turning their way.

It is no secret that the Democrats confidently expected either to win the governorship in Maine or cut down materially the Republican majority.

On the face of the latest returns, they have lost the election and the question of how much they have cost down the Republican majority depends altogether on whether 1920 or 1922 is taken as a basis of reckoning.

In the 1920 election the governorship as well as the Presidency was won by the Republicans in September and November, respectively, by approximately 65,000 majority. Today the Republicans have had that majority cut down almost half. To that extent the idea that 1920 may be taken as a basis of computation for the 1924 election and that Davis will be beaten as was Cox is subject to sharp dispute by the mathematicians of the case.

Compared with 1922 which was a fairer calculation, the Republicans have made a small gain. They won then by 24,000 and it was remarked at that time that the cut from 1920 represented considerable loss to the Republican party. The Maine results were considered significant and they were indeed borne out by the Congressional elections; for, applying the same ratio of loss to the Republicans in other states, the mathematicians could figure out about the loss of seats in Congress which they did suffer. So Maine pointed in 1922 the way the Nation went.

What then does a gain from 24,000 in 1922 to 35,000 in 1924 really represent? It means that the Republicans not only have held their own but have made a gain of about 11,000 votes through the difference between a governorship and a Presidential vote is always a few thousand any way.

To all intents and purposes the situation has not materially changed from 1922. Had there been any landslide in prospect for the Presidential race, the barometer in Maine should have registered at least a 50,000 or 60,000 majority. This dispatch is written on the basis of early returns and it may be that later figures may show a 50,000 majority, in which case the Republicans will have just cause for jubilation as to the meaning of the Maine election.

Entirely apart from the effect which the figures will have on the workers of both parties—for they will interpret it as they please—Maine may have an importance in another field of controversy, namely the Ku Klux Klan. The defeats of the Klan in Texas and Oklahoma had made some of the supporters of the Klan in politics somewhat timid. The Committee in Maine, however, has advised that a strong Klan vote would be cast for the Republican candidate for governor in Maine because of the denunciation of the Klan by Mr. Pattangall, the Democratic nominee. A victory with Klan support always goads the anti-Klan elements into action. Perhaps the most provocative headline which the Democrats could wish is that which today was used by one of the Republican newspapers here: "Brewster elected governor in Maine with Klan backing."

Had the Klan been beaten in Maine, it might have had the opposite effect politically for the people who are not actively concerned with the Klan issue were more numerous than those who themselves are aggrieved by it. There are many who feel so deep against the Klan that they will make an issue of it in all elections. The Eastern states unquestionably have much of that sentiment and that's why the Republicans will find the Maine result flag in their faces in the Eastern states very much as the Georgia primary gave McAdoo a Klan taint which he himself did not court or particularly relish.

Miss Amber Holloman of Elizabeth City is a member of the faculty in the schools at Washington, N. C., this year.

TWO CHILDREN ARE BADLY HURT

School Truck Overturned on Homeward Trip to Shawboro from Currituck Monday Afternoon.

Shawboro, Sept. 9.—Two school children, Jack Bell, six years old, son of Clerk of Court Baxter Bell of Shawboro, and Helen Williams, eight, daughter of David Williams, also of Shawboro, were severely injured Monday afternoon when the school truck, driven by Titus Rite, 16, of Indian town, was struck by a Ford sedan, driven by a Mr. Jones of Elizabeth City, and turned over in a ditch. The accident occurred between Sligo and Dr. Cowell's home as the truck was bringing the children home from school. Jack Bell suffered a severe cut on his forehead, while Helen Williams received bruises about her mouth and body, and possibly internal injuries. She is still in bed.

Reports current here place the blame for the accident on the Elizabeth City man, who, it is said, struck the truck after he had, by failure to give any of the road, crowded the truck to the very edge of the ditch. Twenty children were in the truck at the time of the accident and many of them received bruises or were in danger of drowning in the water when the bus went into the ditch.

JUDGE CAVERLY IS UNDER GUARD

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Fifty policemen and scores of plain clothes men will be on duty outside and inside the corridors of the Criminal Courts Building here Wednesday to insure orderly sentencing to death or life imprisonment of Leopold and Loeb.

FIREMAN KILLED TRAIN IN DITCH

Tucson, Arizona, Sept. 9.—Fireman George Ward was killed when the Sunset Limited No. 102 the Southern Pacific's crack east bound passenger train, went into the ditch near here last night. Other members of the crew and all the passengers escaped unhurt.

FLIERS FORCED TO LAND AT ABERDEEN

Washington, Sept. 9.—A forced landing at Aberdeen, Maryland, 70 miles north of Washington interrupted the New York-Washington lap of the world flight today.

A SONG HIT FREE

"Night May Have Its Sadness," a song hit from the Charlotte opera, now playing at the Times Square Theater, New York City, will appear in next Sunday's issue of The New York World-Magazine Section, by special permission from Harms, Inc. This popular piece, with words and music complete, will be in much demand, and it is advisable that you order your copy of The New York Sunday World in advance. Articles of interest to every member of the family, every week, in The New York Sunday World Magazine.

FOUR ARE DEAD IN FIGHT AT THE POLLS

Onelouise, La., Sept. 10.—Four are dead and two are dying as the result of a fight at the polls in the primary yesterday.

BANK ANNOUNCES AMOUNT EMBEZZLED

Putnam, Conn., Sept. 10.—The First National Bank of Putnam which closed after its cashier, G. Harold Kirkpatrick, tried to commit suicide, yesterday announced a \$700,000 deficit as the result of his embezzlement.

BORROWED FOR THE LEAN PERIOD

Richmond, Sept. 9.—Approximately \$250,000 has been borrowed by Governor Trinkle within the last 60 days to meet current expenses of the state, according to a story printed in the Richmond News Leader Monday.

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Judge Caverly Decides To Give Life Sentence

Chicago, Sept. 10.—Life imprisonment was the punishment fixed today by Judge John R. Caverly upon Nathan Leopold, Jr. and Richard Loeb, confessed kidnapers and murderers of 14-year-old Robert Franks.

This was a complete victory for the defense.

Robert Franks, 14-year old son of Jacob Franks, retired president of a watch case manufacturing company and a former pawnbroker, was kidnaped while en route to the family home at 5052 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, from the nearby playground of the Harvard preparation school, late in the afternoon of May 21, 1924.

While the family was searching frantically for the boy, a telephone message informed Mrs. Franks that Robert had been kidnaped, that he was safe, and that the family would be advised further as to how to recover him.

Early the next morning Mr. Franks received a neatly typed special delivery letter bearing the signature "George Johnson" with the dictation marks "G. K. R." informing him that Robert was held for \$10,000 ransom, that the lad was safe, and to stand by for further instructions as to how to pay the ransom and recover the boy.

At dawn the next morning a workman traversing the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at 115th street, a wild, uninhabited section, just inside the southern corporate limits of Chicago, saw the feet of a nude body protruding from a culvert between two small lakes.

The body was taken to an undertaker's establishment where it rested unidentified until late in the afternoon, when a brother of Mrs. Franks went to the morgue on a chance that the body might be that of Robert.

PENNSYLVANIA GETS SHENANDOAH GAVES

Harrisonburg, Sept. 9.—The grotesque of the Shenandoah, famed for a century as one of the underground wonders of the valley of Virginia, have been sold to the Pennsylvania Railroad, J. M. and J. S. Pirkey, owners of the cavern, announced today.

BLEASE IS WINNER IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 10.—With practically complete returns on the state's second primary, Solomon L. Blease, former governor, was nominated as United States Senator yesterday over James F. Byrnes, Congressman for 14 years, by a majority of 2,200 votes.

COUZENS RUNS SECOND DEMOCRATS IN RUNNING SECOND FOR NOMINATION AS SENATOR IN THE PRIMARY OF YESTERDAY.

Richmond, Sept. 10.—Denouncing the Corporation Commission, A. D. Watts, and the Democrats in general, I. M. Meekins last night delivered a speech here in his candidacy for governor on the Republican ticket.

BETTER FERRY SERVICE EDENTON, SEPT. 10.—The in-

creased business between Edenton and Macksays Ferry Company to arrange for a double schedule with an extra ferry boat to carry 15 cars, thus allowing a simultaneous starting from Edenton and Macksays and doubling the service.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MEETS AT NEWBEGUN

The Elizabeth City District Methodist Missionary Conference will meet at Newbegun Methodist Church in this County Thursday with an all-day session from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and dinner served on the ground. Mrs. George Hawkins, District Secretary, of Hertford, will have charge of the program and delegates are expected to be here from all over this district.

confession of his participation with Leopold in the kidnaping and murder. Leopold, told that Loeb was confessing, also made a detailed confession. The two statements jibed in all details except the one as to which actually had wielded the lethal instrument. Leopold and Loeb both maintained that they had been driving the automobile into which the Franks boy was enticed and killed and that the other had struck the death dealing blows.

The confessions set out that the two were intent on committing the "perfect crime." In detail they ran:

The crime had been planned for several months. No particular victim had been selected. The afternoon on which the Franks boy was chosen had been spent in reconnoitering the Harvard school district for a possible subject. John Levinson, 9 year old grandson of Julius Rosenwald, noted philanthropist and president of the Sears, Roebuck & Co., was singled out. He escaped however, in the general rush home at the end of the baseball game in which the boys were participating, and partly because of the presence of an instructor.

Loeb and Leopold were driving slowly down the street, having abandoned hope for the day, when suddenly they spotted Bobby Franks enroute to school. Loeb addressed him, inviting him into the automobile. Bobby demurred. He said he had only a short distance to go home preferred to walk. Loeb, who had played tennis frequently with the lad, insisted that he wanted to talk with him about a new tennis racket, whereupon Bobby entered the automobile.

Seated, he was struck upon the head with a lead cold chisel, and rags stuffed into his mouth. The kidnapers, not realizing that the boy was dead, drove about for a time intending to kill the child when they reached the place they had selected for disposing of the body. They finally reached the rendezvous, stripped the boy of his clothes and poured an acid on his face with the intention of disfiguring it beyond recognition. Leopold donned wading trunks, strode into the water and thrust the body into the water and the child was carried forward into the culvert, a stick of dynamite was placed in his hand and he forced it further with his foot, but in the haste in the darkness left the murdered boy's feet protruding. Also in the hurry of leaving the scene, Loeb picked up Leopold's coat bottom up and lost the tell-tale spectacles from the breast pocket. They also left one of Bobby's own brown sport stockings and his cap.

Loeb and Leopold then proceeded to dispose of various articles of Bobby's clothing, the automobile robe in which the body had been wrapped and the other things used in the murder. Some were burned, some were buried in widely separated spots and the cold chisel was hurled from the automobile not far from the scene of the kidnaping.

The automobile used was obtained from a rental-car agency and was of the same type as Leopold's personal car. To obtain it the youths used assumed names, registered at two hotels and established two bank accounts.

The ransom letter was prepared well in advance of the kidnaping, sealed and the envelope left unaddressed, that feature to depend upon the child chosen for death. The typewriter was a portable stolen from the house of the fraternity of which Loeb was a member before he was graduated from the University of Michigan. The letter writer, the typewriter was damaged badly and thrown into a lagoon in Jackson Park.

The morning of the finding of the Franks boy's body, but before it had been identified, Loeb and Leopold again telephoned the Franks home but Mr. Franks again was absent. Later they telephoned again instructing Mr. Franks to ride in a taxi cab to a certain drug store where he would receive a telephone instruction as to how to pay over the ransom. Mr. Franks knew by then that his son was dead and refused to enter the taxi cab. The youths intended to instruct Mr. Franks to board a fast train for

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