

Kent's Washington Letter

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—The chickens aren't hatched yet, but they're already counted. The tally-sheet of the advance count up in Democratic national headquarters certainly does look discouraging for the Republicans.

Out of 48 states, the Democratic hope-sheet for the coming election concedes the party of Lincoln and Garfield and Roosevelt just 10. That many, with a total of just 96 electoral votes, is conceded the G. O. P.

Of the remaining 38 states and 435 electoral votes, 23 states with 249 votes are confidently set down as safely Democratic.

Fifteen states having 186 votes are put into the "doubtful" column. These are the states where the battle royal will be waged to insure the additional 17 votes needed—on the face of this advance computation—and to pile up a safely substantial majority.

As evidence of Democratic "cock-sureness," one notes that in addition to the "Solid South" this hope sheet—made when the Democratic candidate is still anybody's bet—places in that party's "certain" column Arizona, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio and West Virginia.

New York, they admit, is too temperamental to risk placing in any but the doubtful column, although they are hopeful. And if Republicans can get any satisfaction out of Wisconsin's probable vote, the G. O. P. is welcome to it!

To no small extent, states not over into the "doubtful" column have been so placed because of the expectation of a schism in Republican ranks, led by Senator La Follette and aided and abetted by such "radicals" as Brockhart, Norris, Ladd, Frazier, and Congressmen Frear and Nelson.

In event an independent or third party campaign is waged in mid-west agricultural states, Democrats count on it merely splitting the normal Republican vote and allowing them to walk away with the electors.

That, however, is not the view taken by either the regular or independent groups in the G. O. P. As they see it, the seeds of insurrection are sufficiently ripe in half a dozen northwestern states to enable a militant independent ticket to pile up an actual majority against both old parties.

In which case, the total of 249 now claimed by Democrats as reasonably secure, might be the maximum they could win. Which would be 17 short of election.

And the Republicans could carry, in addition to the 10 states conceded by the Democrats, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts and New York, with Kansas, Nevada and Rhode Island thrown in, and still be 26 shy of enough votes to elect.

Even throwing in Ohio's 24 votes, as a generous concession, the election might still be locked by the ballots of Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

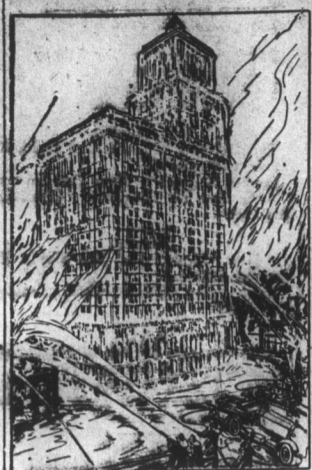
An independent victory in even one or two of these states might be sufficient to effect the deadlock and throw the election into Congress. To such extreme extremes are the dopesters now coping.

What the World Is Doing

AS SEEN BY POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE

Water Veil Guards Walls of Skyscraper

Connected to powerful pumps, a network of 201 sprinklers on the outside of the new Union Central Life Insurance company's building in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been installed to bathe the structure's upper stories in a protecting curtain of

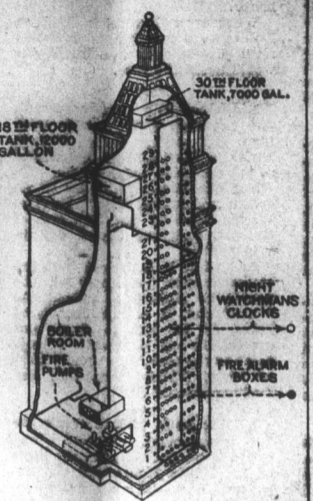


water in case of a severe fire in the neighborhood. The sprinklers are similar to those used in interiors, but operate only when the pumps are started.

This installation, said to be the first of its kind on a building of this type, was adopted largely because of the lesson taught by a disastrous fire in Chicago, in 1922, when flames leaped an eighty-foot street, melted windows of heavy view glass and devoured the contents of several upper floors of a steel skyscraper. The blaze proved that a modern "fire-proof" structure, though amply guarded against flames by interior sprinklers, may not be immune from an outside attack. The configuration further showed that, even if the facade is not actually broken through, the fire-glass windows, capable of withstanding a pressure of 1,200 lb.

per square foot, radiate sufficient heat to scald the hands and papers and other inflammable materials.

The system is divided into six units, each placed where it will best protect the exposed sides of the building. Water is supplied directly from the city mains and from storage tanks in the upper floors. Approximately 5,000 linear feet of galvanized pipe, weighing 14,000 pounds, were required to connect the sprinklers. The "feeders" are attached to the



building by fasteners in holes drilled into the exterior terra cotta. Sprinklers are turned downward so they will drain, and are pointed directly at the windows. In case of danger from an outside fire, pumps are started, control valves on the top floor where the entire system is managed, are opened, and, in a short time, the upper stories are bathed in a protecting film of water, pouring at the rate of 2,500 gallons a minute at fifty pounds pressure, upon the outside of the windows.

Scars Removed with Mud and Use of X-Rays

Shaving scars from men's faces has been accomplished by a special mudlike paste that is undergoing experiments at the hands of a New York doctor. After the mass has been applied, it hardens and is torn off. To finish the operation, X-rays are then directed against the skin. The originator of this method claims that it is beneficial and if used regularly will remove scars and similar marks of long standing. It is also said that the sticky treatment does not leave any ill effects on tender skin.

Births Outstrip Death Rate in World's Largest Cities

Annual death rates in the twenty-five largest cities of the world are only about three-fifths of the birth rate, according to figures compiled by a French statistician. His reports show that for every 10,000 inhabitants, an average of 200 births and 154 deaths occurred in the large metropolitan centers for the year ended July 1, 1923. Alexandria and Cairo, Egypt, stood high on the birth and mortality lists with 376 and 330 births, respectively, and 259 and 282 deaths per 10,000 inhabitants. Bombay had the highest death rate.

Hot-Weather Comfort for Autos

An automobile top, exposed to the sun's rays, absorbs an amount of heat that renders it rather uncomfortable for the occupants, especially during the summer time. Experience has shown that the application of a coat of aluminum paint to the under side reduces the absorption of heat to a great extent, and painting the outside with the same kind of paint helps still more. Practically one-half of the heat absorption can be prevented by applying aluminum paint to either inside or outside.

A worthless flock can be used in the sick room to indicate the next time medicine is to be given by setting the hand at the proper position.

RADIO BROADCASTING NEWS

- Program For Tuesday, May 20th.
- WSE Atlanta Journal (420) 8-0 women's chorus; 9:30 boxing bout.
 - WGR Buffalo (310) 4:30-5:30 music; 5:30 news.
 - WGN Chicago Tribune (370) 7-10 orchestra.
 - WMAQ Chicago News (447.5) 5 orchestra; 5:30 orchestra; 7 literary; 7:20 French; 7:30 boys; 7:35 U. of Chicago lecture; 8-15 musical.
 - WDAF Chicago (300) 6-7 concert ensemble, string quintet; 7 organ; 9 popular concert.
 - KFW Chicago (536) 5:30 concert; 9-7:30 musical, talks.
 - WFB Chicago (345) 5:30-4 musical, studio and orchestra.
 - WEAV Cincinnati (300) 9 musical; 10 dance; 11 concert.
 - WJAX Cleveland News (390) 6:30 bedtime; 7 concert.
 - WFAA Dallas News (476) 12:30-1 address; 8:30-9:30 concert; 11-12 recital.
 - KFAP Denver (360) 9 gloom busters; 9:30 address.
 - WWJ Detroit News (517) 7:30 News orchestra.
 - WCX Detroit (517) 5 concert; 9 Red Apple Club.
 - WDAF Elgin (286) 7:30-12 musical.
 - WBAP Fort Worth Star Telegram (476) 7:30-8:30 band; 9:30-10:45 concert.
 - KPKX Hastings (341) rebroadcasts KDKA.
 - WDAF Kansas City Star (411) 6-7 duo-art address; 11:30 Night Hawks.
 - WHB Kansas City (411) 2 Ladies; 7 talk, musical; 8 classical recital, orchestra.
 - KHJ Los Angeles (305) 8 concert; 8:30 music contest; 9 children; 10-12 orchestra.
 - KFI Los Angeles (400) 8:45 concert; 10-12 orchestra.
 - WHAS Louisville Journal (400) 7:30 concert, readings, talk.
 - WEAG Minneapolis-St. Paul (417) 6 sports; 6:15 concert; 7:30 farm lectures.
 - WGI Medford Hillside (300) 5 Big Brother club; 5:30 talk, concert.
 - WMO Memphis Commercial Appeal (500) 8:30 program; 11 frolic.
 - CKAC Montreal (420) 6 bedtime; 6:30-9 orchestra.
 - WNY New York (405) 5:30-6:30 entertainment.
 - WVZ New York (455) 5:5-2:20 talk; 5:30 orchestra; 6:15 talk; 6:30 tenor, soprano; 6:15 pianist; 7:15 talk; 7:30 pianist; 7:40 talk; 8-8:30 orchestra.
 - WEAF New York (302) 5:20-8 musical, talks.
 - WHN New York (360) 7:30-8:30 entertainment; 8:30 orchestra.
 - WOB Newark (305) 4:15 music; 4:30 bedtime; 5 music.
 - WAAW Newark (255) 5-9:30 musical.
 - WOAW Omaha (525) 6-6:30 speakers; 6:30 dinner; 9-11 trio.
 - KGO Oakland (312) 10 twiddleplay; 12-3 a. m. dance.
 - KGW Portland (392) 9:45 farmers talk.
 - WDAR Philadelphia (305) 5:30-5:55 talks.
 - WIP Philadelphia (500) 4:05 orchestra; 5 talk; 6-8 concert, recital, dance.
 - WYF Philadelphia (385) 4 talk; 5:30 orchestra; 6 operetta; 7:15-8:15 concert.
 - KDKA Pittsburgh (326) 5:30 bedtime; 5:15 talk, "Contemporary novel"; 7 concert; 9:30 concert.
 - WCAE Pittsburgh (492) 4:30 concert; 5:30 bedtime; 5:35 feature; 6:30 musical; 9 Aldino theater.
 - KPO San Francisco (423) 9 orchestra; 12 Bradford's band.
 - WGY Schenectady (380) 6:45 address; 8:30 music, address.
 - WBE Springfield (387) 4:30 dance; 5:30 bedtime; 6 program; 9 summary conference of M. E. Church.
 - KSD St. Louis Post-Dispatch (546) 8 concert; 9 Western Military Academy band; 11 dance.
 - CKY Winnipeg (450) 8:30 concert.
 - WRO Washington (409) 5 children; 7:30 music; 7:15 piano; 7:30 glee club, dance; 8:15 trio; 8:40 songs.

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