

Small Party Votes May Bring Upset To Major Parties In November

Strong Third Party Candidates Have Made Big Inroads In Past. Washington, July 27.—Half a dozen minor parties in the field this year may attract a sufficiently large vote from the major parties to upset political plans in States where President Hoover and Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt face a close race.

This possibility is being canvassed by political prognosticators because of the sizeable "discontent" vote which is likely in this depression year as in the past. There is even a remote possibility that this "discontent" vote in some one State or group of States might swing the balance if the margin between the two parties is narrow in the country at large.

Woodrow Wilson, it is recalled, slipped back into the presidency in 1916 by virtue of a 3,806 margin in California which gave him the State's 13 electoral votes. Had Charles Evans Hughes won California he would have defeated the Democratic candidate by three electoral votes. Similarly, Grover Cleveland defeated James G. Blaine by winning New York State with only a 1,000 vote margin.

There are six minor parties already in the race—Socialist, Communist, Prohibition, Socialist-Labor, Farmer-Labor and Liberty. Plans are being made for the formation of an unemployed party at a convention in St. Louis next month to be headed by Father James R. Cox, Pittsburgh Catholic priest who led an army of unemployed here a few months ago. The bonus army now deployed about the Capital may join this movement.

Minor Parties In 1928. In the prosperous year of 1928, five minor parties polled only 362,000 votes, one per cent of the total of 36,879,000. In that year, the Prohibition party, for instance, received only 20,000 votes. This did not represent its normal strength. It has polled as many as 250,000. Prohibitionists went over to President Hoover because of the "wet" stand of the Democratic candidate, Alfred E. Smith.

This year, the situation in this minor party is entirely different. Neither party is strictly "dry." Many Prohibitionists are resentful of the Republican party's resubmission plank and will throw their votes to the Prohibition party's column.

Likewise the situation is far different as regards other minor parties. Those dissatisfied with both parties will follow one of the other more radical groups. From the millions of unemployed many such votes are likely to come.

The minor parties this year lack an outstanding candidate who can

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Uncover Plot To Start Runs On Large Banks

Report Activities In Other Large Cities. Federal Government To Co-operate.

Pontiac, Mich., July 29.—A plot against large banks of the country, described by the state police officer who unearthed it as a "bold scheme to wreck the financial structure of major cities" by circulating false rumors, was revealed here this week coincident with an order for the arrest of the men who directed its activities.

George Rowland, said to be the director of a ring seeking to cause the failure of banks by runs resulting from that they were in un-sound condition, was the object of the search. Capt. Ira H. Marmon, of the state police, raided his hotel room here Tuesday and found letters and telegrams which showed the methods of operation of the ring, described in some quarters as composed of radicals seeking nationwide revolution.

Reids Are Blamed. Clarence L. Smith, prosecuting attorney of Oakland county, declared the plot was "organized by communist groups in the United States and backed by Soviets in Russia."

Marmon said Rowland was the "superintendent and director of agitation for Ohio, Michigan and Illinois." The campaign of the ring here was directed against the First National bank, officers of which recently appealed in advertisements depositors to support the bank after assuring them its condition was sound.

Letters in Rowland's room seized by Captain Marmon revealed operatives of the ring were active in Cleveland and Chicago and reported to him. Letters written by Rowland to the operatives in those two cities contained instructions for the carrying on of the campaign and asked for reports on progress made.

Still another train yesterday brought a "tourist," a young white man of good appearance, who had his bicycle carefully stowed on top of the box car on which he was riding, so that it would be ready for use at the end of his journey.

Crimes Confessed By Train-Wrecker

Hungarian Schoolmaster Pleads Guilty Of Causing Wrecks In Which 22 Died.

Vienna.—One of the most remarkable criminals of the century, Silvester Matsuchka, the Hungarian schoolmaster who "wrecked trains for a hobby," has just stood his trial at the Vienna assizes. He pleaded guilty. Sentence was postponed.

On his own confession he is responsible for the deaths of 22 persons and injury to nearly 200 others, in numerous shocking railway outrages in Juetoberg, Germany, and Bistorbazy, Hungary.

When asked his profession in court, Matsuchka grinned and replied, "I'm a train-wrecker by profession."

He told how a ghost named Bergmann had appeared to him and urged him to fight atheism and communism by railway outrages. He then explained to the magistrate how he spent large sums traveling in Europe, seeking suitable sites for this purpose.

Neither his family nor acquaintances ever cared to ask him where he went when he left Vienna on one of his so-called business trips.

But on those trips he pursued his terrible hobby—the mass destruction of human lives under the guise of international express trains.

Answers To Star's Question Box On Page One

1. Pa.
2. My dear Miss.
3. It is a slang term for insanity.
4. No.
5. New London, Connecticut.
6. A. Conan Doyle.
7. Henry L. Stimson.
8. Oxygen and Hydrogen.
9. A famous violin maker.
10. The Marseillaise.
11. In Clusters.
12. February 2.
13. No.
14. Ankara.
15. Charles W. Fairbanks.
16. One half.
17. Acorns.
18. Rudyard Kipling.
19. Osaka.
20. Blush black.

Fred Duesenberg, Manufacturer Dead

Johnston, Pa.—Fred Duesenberg, 55, Indianapolis automobile manufacturer, died today of pneumonia which developed from injuries he suffered in an automobile accident July 2.

Duesenberg was one of the pioneers in the development of the straight eight cylinder motor.

With Harry Miller of Los Angeles Duesenberg and his brother, August, for many years dominated automobile racing throughout the country, their cars being the principal entries at the 500-mile race here.

Railroads Carry Many Odd People

Spencer.—The ever increasing army of unemployed has brought all sorts of "tourists" along the main line of the Southern railway and all sorts of scenes have been observed at the Spencer depot.

On one incoming freight a huge Shepherd dog was seen riding a flat car in apparent contentment while on another train were two women beating their way with a score of men on the go.

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Send Idle Negroes Back To The South

N. Y. Herald-Tribune. Newark, N. J.—Owen A. Malady, overseer of the poor, announced here that during the next few weeks a staff of men will try to persuade Newark's hundreds of unemployed negroes to return to their native states at the city's expense. He said that he had written to the governors of North and South Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and Virginia asking them to discourage negroes from coming to Newark.

"We believe these people are far better off in the South where they have a legal residence and are among friends and relatives who can assist them," Mr. Malady wrote. "Newark has not the facilities for taking care of them and Newark intends to send them back, so it is not worth while for them to come here."

There are, he estimated, between 500 and 1,000 negro families in Newark dependent on the city for their support.

Bank Robbers Now Pick Small Towns

In Six Months 288 Banks Were Robbed In Daylight And 37 At Night.

New York.—Celerity of apprehension, certainty of prosecution, finality of punishment, says the American Bankers' Association, are the most effective safeguards against the modern bandit who strikes alike at the Metropolitan Trust Company and the country banks.

Faces Second Test



Back in the political limelight by virtue of the big lead she rolled up in the Texas primary over Governor Ross Sterling for the Democratic nomination for Governor, Mrs. Miriam "Ma" Fergusson, former Governor of the Lone Star State faces a second test in the primary of August 27.

Blind Magistrate Marries 2 Mutes

Lewistown, Mont.—The bride and groom couldn't talk and the justice of the peace couldn't see, but the marriage went right ahead.

Cows Milked By Telegraph Wire

Electrician Arranges Outfit To Milk 30 Cows In Florida.

Gainesville, Fla.—Cows were milked by telegraph at the Florida experiment station here.

It was another case of necessity mothering invention. The milking machine broke down. A spring in the pulser, which causes the suction to alternate from front to rear teats, was broken.

Train Cats For A War On Rats

French People Are Trying New Method Of Ridding Nation Of Destructive Rodents.

Paris.—In an effort to rid France of rats, nearly 100 of the most ferocious cats alive are being trained in the latest methods of rodent warfare aboard a yawl in Harve harbor. They are being taught to attack only female rats, and their war-cry is "women first."

Behind the scheme are Ronald Bremmer, a Scottish animal psychologist, and Dr. Jean Loir, collaborator of Pasteur.

Mr. Bremmer points out that the plan is a very simple one. By killing only the females it means that only half the rat population must be destroyed to prevent reproduction.

Every effort is made to keep them as amiable in appearance as possible, but at the same time their trainers strive to develop their primitive instincts. The more ferocious they are the better the trainers are pleased.

Already many graduates of the school have given their services in the great cause of clearing France of rats, and further orders for the ferocious felines keep pouring in.

Relief Drive Success Holds Hoover Future

Can Make Him Look Stronger If It Succeeds, But Failure Will Break Him.

Washington.—President Hoover's general program for meeting the depression is commonly believed to be bolstering us up during this distressful period and if conditions do improve much force will be given to the Republican description of him as the all-wise captain who has guided us bravely and ably through the storm.

Criticism is leveled on the ground that he has acted feebly and inadequately or that the program is too preponderantly concerned with aiding big banks and corporations to the relative exclusion of the "underdog."

But it's Hoover's program and we are going to ride along on it, at least until after the November election. And it will be Hoover's funeral if the program doesn't do all that he has been claimed for it.

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"Relief From the Top" "Relief from the top" is a term often applied to the Hoover policy. The president believes that if industry can have ample credit facilities the wheels of industry will be fore long begin to turn and provide employment.

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But the charge that the big banks are getting all the R. F. C. money seems to be unfair. On June 30 the R. F. C. had made loans to 4196 institutions and of the 3600 banks benefited, 68 per cent were located in towns of 10,000 or less population. At that time some \$63,000,000 had been lent or promised to banks. Big banks and big railroads had been taking the money in huge chunks, as evidenced by the \$30,000,000 loan to the Dawes bank in Chicago.

The largest financial and business interests appear to be pretty solidly behind the Hoover plan. They haven't proposed anything any better and if it doesn't pan out they stand to lose with Hoover and everyone else.

Sun Hatches Eggs Left In Hot Spot

Goldsboro.—Three chicks were hatched out by the sun from nest eggs that were left up under the eaves of the tin roof of the house of Madissa Hill, negro of Brazil street, several days ago.

Ex-Slaves, Brother And Sister, Meet For First Time Since They Were Sold

Thomasville.—Rosetta Groves Abernathy, negro woman, of Maysville, Ky., arrived here Saturday to visit her brother, William Graves, whom she had not seen since 1862, or just 70 years ago.

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