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March 9, 1936.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorney at Law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Jack:

I dictated a letter to you yesterday but went off on a little jaunt in the afternoon with your mother, and in some fashion the letter got lost in the scuffle so I am sending you this very brief note.

There is nothing to add to what you already know regarding the Sausalito Project. Since the receipt of your wire that the project had been withdrawn I have heard nothing of it at all. I received your letter yesterday but there is nothing of consequence, in my opinion, that can now be suggested. I am very sorry at the unsuccessful outcome.

For the past week your mother has been ill with one of her horrible attacks of bronchitis. Her cough has been that awful terrifying bark that I so fear. She was better yesterday and I hope she is even better this morning. I confess illness on her part, and particularly this wracking bronchial trouble, not only bothers me dreadfully but frightens me too. The weather has altered, however, and with its improvement I am hoping for a like improvement with her.

I'll try during the week to write you my usual Sunday

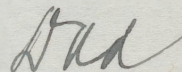
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gossipy letter. I am unable to do it today.

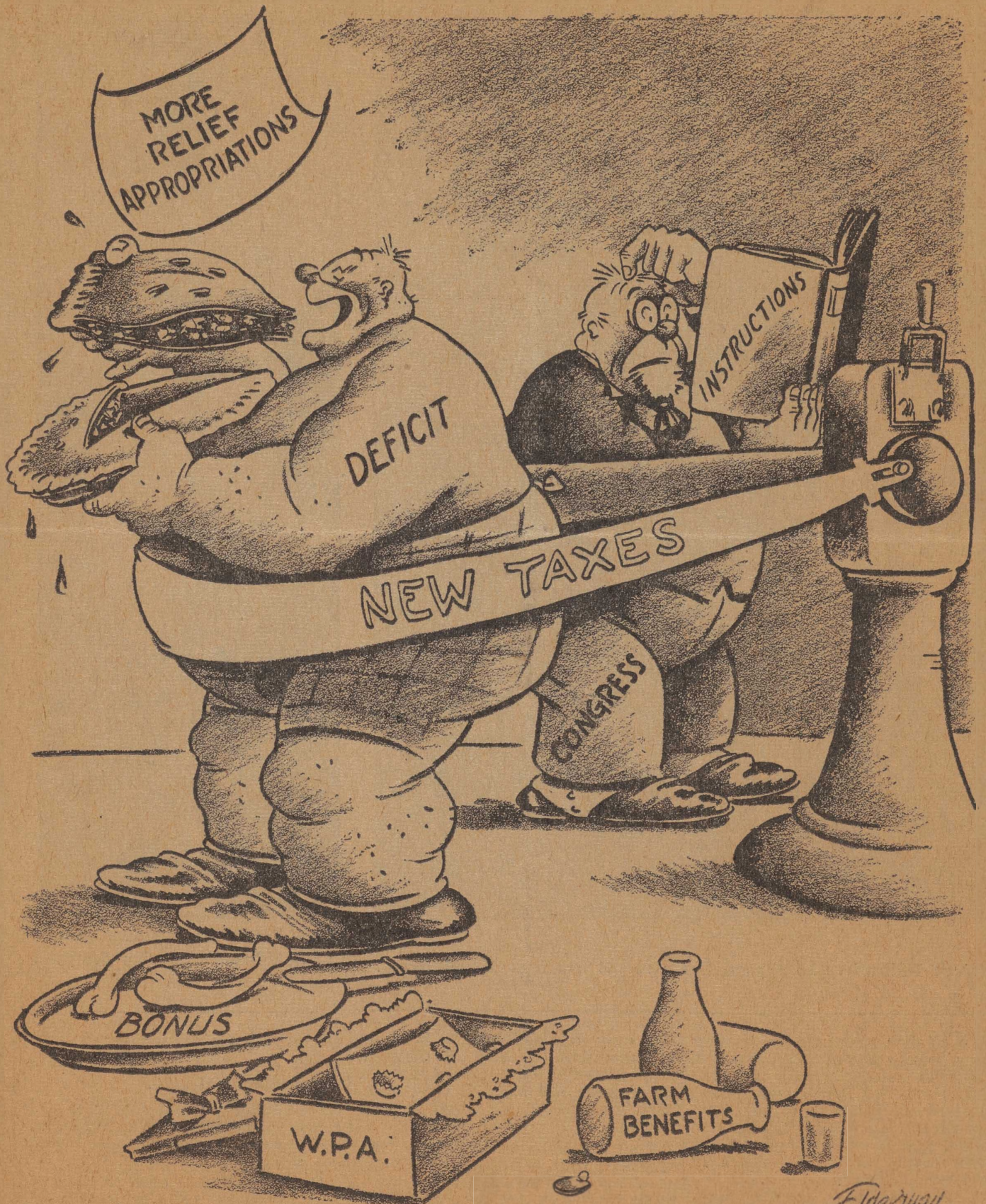
With my love in which mother joins to the boys,
Miss Schow, and yourself,

Affectionately,



J:k

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April 8, 1936

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorney at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California

My dear Jack:

I have just received your note of April 6th commending Mr. William L. Clayton of the firm of Anderson, Clayton, and Company, and because of it, I will be delighted to see him when he arrives, talk to him, and show him such consideration as may be possible.

Hastily and affectionately,

Jack

122 MARYLAND AVENUE, N. E.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Tuesday

[cc. Apr 14, 1936]

Sonny boy:

Pretty nice & thoughtful
of you to send the lovely flowers.
It made every thing so much
brighter & happier. - Thank you
for your dear thought of us. -
The weather has been so wretched
that it makes things dull &
gloomy. We had a cold &
rainy Easter & that is surely
"unusual" for this time. - The
birds came on time & all
was gay - must say we
missed you though. Do thank
Miss Schow & the boys for

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their thoughtfulness, please.
I'll get around to it in
time but you help by doing
it in the meantime —

I was wondering if you
listened into the Pres. speech
last night at Baltimore to
the Young Democrats. What
an opportunity to have &
his speech was so poor it
was poisonous. — I was
amazed — a ten year old
boy could have done better
& if the Republicans don't
grab it & make much of it
they deserve to lose the election

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

The trial of ~~the~~ Judge Ritter in
the Penalt is so poorly conducted
by these so called 'Big Lawyers'
outside - that I'm glad about
His Au is not here to witness it
held close his law books & sell
suspenders. - I've always
heard that Mr Walsh of N. C. was
so wonderful - my ^{It startles}
me - he's so stupid. - Think
of having to take a recess
for a half hour to fix up
some testimony - they had
evidently forgotten. It was
surely a farce - I could
not bring myself to listen to
the arguments yesterday

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they hope to finish today.

Three stores were resting on a limb - the first one said he was exhausted, he's taken 3 babies to a woman & he had a terrible time to pacify her. - The other one said he'd had a pretty hard time ^{all} because he had taken 3 babies to all to different women & they lived so far apart he was tired. - The third one then said they made him tired fussing so much - he hadn't taken 3 babies to one woman or 3 babies to 3 women but he had frightened hell out of 3 stenographers - Why do you tell me such stories. Love to
Many thanks - Mother

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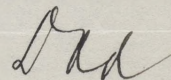
April 23, 1936.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorney at Law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Jack:

In conversation last night with Frank Doherty, he told me that Sabath's Congressional committee was investigating some man named Thompson, and threatening criminal proceedings against him. I asked him to write you and give you what little information he knows about it. I presume it is wholly unnecessary, and that you are already fully advised, but on the off chance that you might not have heard of it, I asked him to send you the information.

Affectionately,



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sunday May 3, 1936.

My dear Jack:

Miss Connor is sick and my office completely demoralized, hence this note in this way.

Answering your query about corporation at end of the boys trust - I can't answer. I'll have to wait until I get out and again familiarize myself with the whole situation.

Doherty yesterday was sending you some business against Lindner of the Examiner. I know nothing of it and if you don't think it wise to get into a possible struggle with Lindner send it back to Doherty.

Poor old Ek. passed away last Monday. I knew the end was not far off, but none the less I felt the blow. He was the last of the "Mohicans" - of the real journalists

and my one friend among newspapermen
in California.

The East is watching California's
primary. If Landon wins, the
nomination is his without a doubt;
if he loses, they may be able to
stop him. I was going to gossip
with you about politics today, but
can't.

We're starting painting and
repairs and house as well as office
is in disorder. Hope to write
you details soon.

Love to the boys and Miss School.
Affectionately,
Dad.

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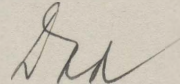
May 12, 1936.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorney at Law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California:

My dear Jack:

Some little while ago you wrote me of your opposition to H. R. 6203, a bill then pending before the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. At that time I told you I would watch the bill in case it came to the Senate. I now find that the House Committee have reported a new bill, H. R. 12419, which will take the place of H. R. 6203. I enclose you a copy of this bill, and a copy of the House Report upon it. It is my understanding that small vessels have been eliminated from the provisions of this bill, and I assume, therefore, you will have no further objection to it. However, I would be glad to have you airmail me your views respecting the modified measure.

Affectionately,



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Enc.

INSPECTION OF VESSELS PROPELLED BY INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINES

APRIL 28, 1936.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. BLAND, from the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 12419]

The Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12419) to apply laws covering steam vessels to seagoing vessels of 300 gross tons and over propelled by internal-combustion engines, having had the same under consideration, report it back to the House without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to make existing laws covering the inspections of steam vessels applicable to seagoing vessels of 300 gross tons and over propelled by internal-combustion engines to such extent and upon such conditions as may be required by the regulations of the Board of Supervising Inspectors of Steam Vessels, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce.

The provisos except fishing vessels and vessels in the Hawaiian waters. Vessels engaged in the fisheries have been exempted since the beginning of their use. Many of these vessels are operated by their owners and members of their families and, as a rule, they are operated by men trained to the sea and well-informed as to what equipment they should carry for their own safety.

The exemption as to Hawaiian waters applies to the peculiar conditions existing there.

At hearings held by your committee on safety legislation, it was pointed out by Mr. Tyrer, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection, that at the present time we have 29 vessels in the class from 5,000 to 7,500 tons, with a tonnage

of 179,556 tons and 33 vessels over 7,500 tons with a total tonnage of 300,292.

Mr. Tyrer said:

Those large vessels at the present time are subject to only a very limited inspection—that is, the inspection of the hulls and boilers—and are required under the law to carry a licensed engineer and a licensed pilot. The provisions of section 4472 that provides for protection against fire do not apply to vessels over 7,500 tons that are in the trans-Atlantic trade. They are not required under the law to carry a single lifeboat. There are many other provisions of the steamboat inspection laws that are of the utmost importance to safety of life that do not apply to these large transoceanic vessels. As a matter of fact, we are inspecting these vessels at the present time, but it is only because the owners of the ships accept such inspection. It is not a matter of law.

The situation which has been described is due to the fact that when the steamboat-inspection laws were passed, internal-combustion-engine laws were unknown, with the result that many of the existing laws apply to steam vessels and under the opinion of the law officers of the department, do not apply to vessels operated by machinery other than by steam. It was said that it was very doubtful whether under existing law lifeboats could be required on these motor vessels.

Under section 4426, Revised Statutes, all motor-propelled vessels of above 15 gross tons, carrying freight and passengers; for hire, but not engaged in fishing as a regular business, are made subject to all the provisions of that section relating to the inspection of hulls and boilers and requiring engineers and pilots. Under the same section, all vessels of 15 gross tons or less, propelled in whole or in part by gas, gasoline, petroleum, naphtha, fluid, or electricity, and carrying passengers for hire, are required to carry one life preserver of the sort prescribed by the regulations of the Board of Supervising Inspectors for every passenger carried, and no such boat while so carrying passengers shall be operated or navigated except in charge of a person duly licensed for such service by the local board of inspectors. These licenses may be revoked or suspended for misconduct, gross negligence, recklessness in navigation, intemperance, or violation of law on the part of the holder, and, if revoked, the person holding such license shall be incapable of obtaining another such license for 1 year from the date of revocation.

The motorboat law, approved June 9, 1910, applies to every vessel propelled by machinery and not more than 65 feet in length, except tugboats and towboats propelled by steam.

Under section 5 of the motorboat law all vessels propelled by machinery other than by steam, more than 65 feet in length, shall carry either life preservers, or life belts, or buoyant cushions, or ring buoys, or other device, to be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce, sufficient to sustain afloat every person on board and so placed as to be readily accessible.

The Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection is working on plans for conferences during this year at which there will be considered a thorough revision of all laws pertaining to motorboats, vessels under 300 tons propelled by internal-combustion engines, and the smaller steam vessels. These plans contemplate licensed certificated officers, engineers, and will take under consideration all boats on inland waters

and the high seas. It is expected that as a result of their studies, additional legislation will be submitted at the next session of Congress.

The proposed legislation does not repeal any existing laws but supplements them in cases represented by the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection as important to be taken care of at this time.

Seagoing vessels are defined with reference to section 2 of chapter 102, of act of 1895, as amended, under which the Secretary of Commerce may from time to time designate and define by suitable bearings or ranges with lighthouses, light vessels, buoys, or coastal objects, the lines dividing the high seas from rivers, harbors, and inland waters.



74TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 12419

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24 (calendar day, MAY 7), 1936

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce

AN ACT

To apply laws covering steam vessels to seagoing vessels of three hundred gross tons and over propelled by internal-combustion engines.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That existing laws covering the inspections of steam vessels
4 be, and they are hereby, made applicable to seagoing vessels
5 of three hundred gross tons and over propelled in whole or
6 in part by internal-combustion engines to such extent and
7 upon such conditions as may be required by the regulations
8 of the Board of Supervising Inspectors of Steam Vessels,
9 with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce: *Provided,*
10 That this Act shall not apply to any vessel engaged in fish-
11 ing, oystering, clamming, crabbing, or any other branch of

1 the sea-food industry: *Provided further*, That as to licenses
2 required for masters and engineers operating vessels pro-
3 pelled by internal-combustion engines operating exclusively
4 in the district covering the Hawaiian Islands, said masters
5 and engineers shall be under the jurisdiction of the hull and
6 boiler inspectors having jurisdiction over said waters, who
7 shall make diligent inquiry as to the character, merits, and
8 qualifications, and knowledge and skill of any master or
9 engineer applying for a license. If the said inspectors shall
10 be satisfied from personal examination of the applicant and
11 from other proof submitted that the applicant possesses the
12 requisite character, merits, qualifications, knowledge, and
13 skill, and is trustworthy and faithful, they shall grant him a
14 license for the term of five years to operate such vessel under
15 the limits prescribed in the license.

16 SEC. 2. The term "seagoing vessels" as used in the
17 preceding section shall be construed to mean vessels which
18 in the usual course of their employment proceed outside the
19 line dividing the inland waters from the high seas as desig-
20 nated and determined under the provisions of section 2 of
21 the Act of February 19, 1895.

Passed the House of Representatives May 4, 1936.

Attest: SOUTH TRIMBLE,

Clerk.

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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR=

973 GREEN ST=

THOUGHT BEST NOT TO WIRE YOU UNTIL HOGAN HAD CONTACTED YOU
AS I DID NOT WISH TO WORRY YOU HOGAN CORRECT IN ALLAYING
YOUR WORRY AS I FEEL DAD IS BETTER NOW BUT MUST HAVE REST
AND QUIET WILL ADVISE YOU DAILY ALL MY LOVE=

MOTHER.

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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR=

MILLS BLDG SFRAN=

DAD HAD GOOD DAY DR SAYS BETTER WILL WIRE TOMORROW GRIEVED
ABOUT CARL LOVE=

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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR=

ATTY AT LAW MILLS BLDG SFRAN=

DOCTOR AND I BOTH AGREE HE IS BETTER FURIOUS BECAUSE DOCTOR
SAYS TWO WEEKS IN BED GOING TO BE FULL SIZED JOB KEEPING
HIM THERE MUST BE DONE MANY THANKS FOR YOUR DEAR THOUGHT
OF ME YOUR WIRE YOUR DEAR NOTE LOVELY FLOWERS WILL WIRE TO
KEMAH AFTER TOMORROW=

MOTHER.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW MILLS BLDG SFRAN=

DAD IMPROVING DOCTOR INSISTS ANOTHER WEEKS REST

HE TOUGH LOVE=

MOTHER.

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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR=

ATTY AT LAW MILLS BLDG SFRAN=

YOUR MOTHER TRIPPED AND FELL THIS MORNING AND FRACTURED
HER ARM NEAR COLLARBONE FRACTURE IS SEVERE SHE WAS TAKEN
TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE THEY WILL TRY TO SET IT THIS
AFTERNOON DOCTORS WILL NOT LET ME LEAVE THE BED AND SHE
SAYS THE ONLY WAY SHE WILL STAY IN HOSPITAL IS FOR ME TO
STAY IN BED IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL MUCH ABOUT THE FRACTURE
BUT I WILL WIRE YOU FURTHER DETAILS=

DAD.

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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR=

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UNITED AIRLINES AIRPORT=

LAST NIGHT MOTHERS ARMSET OPERATION ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL SHE
IS IN GOOD CONDITION I AM CONFINED TO BED HAVE NOT SEEN HER
BUT AM IMMENSELY RELIEVED BY REPORTS MADE LOOKING FORWARD
WITH GREATEST PLEASURE TO SEEING YOU=

DAD.

1116A.

122 MARYLAND AVENUE, N. E.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

[1936]

Baby boy:

Mother is so sorry you are ill -
what you wanted the measles for is
beyond me. - You had them once
long ago and you should be satisfied.
I do hope its over by now but the
danger is afterwards - if you should
catch cold - so take the best care
of yourself. - It usually leaves
a few annoying things in its
wake. - Boek was to be arguing
about like Cripples & our weather
has just been impossible - rain
& wind & cold - its blowing a
raw north wind now its more
like winter than spring. I think
a little Penicillin might cure
us. - I'm sending you some books
Ellery Queen's is grand - Enclosed
is the account of the Gridiron Dinner
that was held here Saturday

night. - It is always the dinner of
the year. Dad did not go but
I see he is in this Cartoon. away
over in the right hand corner -
just sending it to amuse you. -
Louny was there & said the most
amusing thing happened. - During
the course of the dinner each Ambassador
is introduced. He arises & there is
always applause. Well - they went
down the line & when they came
to the one from Finland the house
broke loose & he got a greater ovation
than the President. - (all because he
has paid his debt). - I bet the
other Amb. - faces "got red" - don't
you. - The funny thing not one
of the papers have mentioned it
& it was "the event" of the evening.
It was not a planned thing at all
just one of queer spontaneous
things that happen in an audience.
Dad will write you about it.
Do hope honey boy you will be
all well & happy soon. - You
must take care of yourself -
All love to Miss Behov & the boys
& heaps & heaps to you. -
Tuesday. Mother

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California Strike Threat Held Menace to Roosevelt's Lead

Margin of Democratic Victory Is Only Basis for Wagers in Northern Part of State.

BY G. GOULD LINCOLN,
Staff Correspondent of The Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 16.—
"Roosevelt hypnosis" seems to have
Northern California in its grip.

Bets are laid with betting commis-
sioners in San Francisco not on
whether Roosevelt or Landon will carry
the State, but on what will be Roose-
velt's plurality. A while back they
were betting even money that the Pres-
ident would defeat Gov. Landon, his
Republican opponent, by 350,000. The
size of the plurality in the betting has
been forced down since more Landon
sentiment has developed and since
Doc. Townsend's stentorian cry, "Vote
for Landon!" It is still possible, how-
ever, to lay a bet at even money that
Roosevelt will carry the State by
200,000 votes.

Labor is declared to be almost 100
per cent for Roosevelt, even by Repub-
licans here. He has an appeal for the
women. For example, the wife of one
of the biggest public utility magnates
in the State has declared she will vote
for Roosevelt—almost giving her hus-
band apoplexy thereby.

Organized labor is strong in these
parts. Also it is inclined to be both
demanding and violently active. The

threats of a longshoremen's strike and
the tying up of scores of vessels in the
harbor has for weeks been regarded
with considerable misgiving by the
Roosevelt Democrats. Their fear has
been that if such a strike were called
now before the election, attended prob-
ably by disorders and perhaps joined
in by other unions acting in sympathy,
the State would become so aroused
that a large number of voters would
swing from Roosevelt to Landon.
There has been some justification for
such a fear. California has been
known in the past to get up on its ear
when forced too far. Only two years
ago the State rose en masse to defeat
the Democratic nominee for Governor,
Upton Sinclair, with his E. P. I. C. plan.
The Roosevelt Democrats, therefore,
were not hankering for another dem-
onstration.

A truce between the longshoremen
and the employers has been obtained
only by an eleventh-hour demand
from the United States Maritime Com-
mission that there be no strike until
the commission has had time to in-
vestigate thoroughly the situation.
The union, in agreeing to a further
truce, insisted, however, that some

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adjustment must be reached by October 26. This has given the Democrats a breathing spell, however, and they hope to stave off trouble until after November 3, election day—or perhaps bring a real adjustment of the troubles.

Other Unions in Arms.

Other labor troubles continue, however, to cause a stir. The warehouse union is fighting for more pay and lesser hours, and threatens a strike. The Milk Wagon Drivers' Union has been fighting milk distributors in this section. And down in Salinas, the lettuce country, there has been more or less civil war, with the workers demanding a closed shop for the lettuce workers.

The impression created on the law-and-order population and the farmers in particular by these labor disturbances is not so hot. Charges that such strife has been fomented by the Roosevelt New Deal policies are muttered resentfully.

The indorsement given Landon by Dr. Francis E. Townsend in California is considered a real break for the Republican nominee for President. Estimates of the Townsend Club membership in the State run from 500,000 to 700,000. Many of these people have been Democrats and Independents. If they all flopped over to Landon, following the doctor's advice, California might very well be found in the Republican column.

It is not thought likely that any such thing will happen—even some of the inner people at Townsend headquarters say not. The Townsend leaders do claim, however, that a very considerable majority of Townsendites will go through for Landon.

There is a rumor about that the next political move in this State will be a statement from the Coughlin Union party leader here, urging the Father Coughlin followers to vote also for Landon. This has not been confirmed yet. The only reason for such a move on the part of the Coughlinites lies in the fact that Lemke, the presidential candidate of the Union party, backed by Coughlin, has been unable to get on the ballot in this State. That fact brought Dr. Townsend to declare for Landon, in California and all other States where there was no chance to vote for Lemke.

The followers of Coughlin in California are comparatively few as compared to the Townsendites. However, such a shift in votes to Landon might be of some effect.

The Republicans in their campaign for Landon here are being aided by groups of Democrats who have been unable to swallow the New Deal. There are the constitutional Democrats, the Jeffersonian Democrats and the progressive Democrats, three different groups, but all animated by the desire to defeat Roosevelt for re-election. The constitutional Democrats say they have some 6,000 workers. If they have that many votes, it will make another dent in the Roosevelt total on election day.

Democratic Roll High.

When all is said and done, however, the Republicans are staggered as they consider the vast Democratic registration of voters in California. Before the primary election in August, the Democratic registration stood almost 600,000 higher than the Republican. It has changed some since then, but the Democrats still have a half million more voters registered than the Republicans. In San Francisco alone, the registered Democratic votes outnumber the Republicans by 96,000. In Alameda

County, which includes Oakland and has been in the past strongly Republican and whose vote is approximately as large as San Francisco County, the Democrats now have about 30,000 more registered voters than the Republicans.

It is perfectly true that before the Republican debacle of 1932 the Republicans had a half million more registered voters than had the Democrats. The party registration was discarded by the voters in that year and Roosevelt carried the State by 477,000 votes. The present Democratic registration might conceivably be disregarded to such an extent that Landon would carry the State. But, while some of the Democrats are going to vote for Landon, there are some Republicans who will vote for Roosevelt. The "hate" against Roosevelt in this State today is nothing like in degree the "hate" which the voters bore against Herbert Hoover in 1932.

Stress Safety in Landon.

The constitutional Democrats have adopted as their slogan for the campaign "Look at Spain and vote with Maine." They are trying to drive home a thought that the United States will be safer from disorders and from socialistic and communistic trends if Landon is elected than if the President is given another four years in the White House. The Hearst attack upon Roosevelt alleging that the New Deal President is the choice of the Communists in this race has had some effect. William Randolph Hearst is campaigning for Landon vigorously through his newspapers in the State. Hearst support in California, however, is both an advantage and a detriment, for Hearst has plenty of enemies here.

Roosevelt is not without newspaper support. The Scripps-Howard News in this city is for him strongly and so are number of other daily papers throughout the State.

Many Businesses Good.

California, like other States, is a whole lot better off today than it was four years ago. Business is good in many lines. This feeling of comparative prosperity is certainly having its effect, and it is beginning to make some of the smaller merchants say "Well, let's not make a change in administration now, just when we are getting something in the till again."

Two Republican blooms have continued to hang on the bush here in San Francisco, despite the swing away from the G. O. P. in 1932 and in 1934.

They are Mrs. Florence P. Kahn, Representative from the fourth congressional district, and Representative Richard J. Welch of the fifth district. Both have been members of the House for nearly a dozen years. Mrs. Kahn is battling for her political life, and making a grand campaign. She has as her opponent Frank H. Havenner, president of the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco. Havenner years ago was secretary to Senator Hiram Johnson and a member of the Johnson organization. Senator Johnson's son is taking a leading part in Havenner's campaign for election to the House.

Havenner is running as a Progressive, but he also has the Democratic nomination for this district. He polled slightly more votes in the primary than did Mrs. Kahn, but only a 50 per cent vote turned out for the primary. However, there were two other candidates for the Democratic nomination who received several thousand votes, which if added to the Havenner strength would make considerable difference. Havenner, too, has the indorsement of the Townsendites, who do not like Mrs. Kahn. At the same time, Havenner is a Roosevelt man.

Mrs. Kahn Popular.

Mrs. Kahn has a wide popularity. Her vote on election day will not follow strictly party lines. She has had in the past, and is likely to have in the future, many Democratic votes cast for her. Among the women she is particularly strong.

Lacking from the campaign here this year is a colorful figure, Senator Hiram Johnson. Four years ago, Johnson came out strongly for President Roosevelt, and his influence was helpful to the President. He has upheld Roosevelt in the Senate many times. This Summer, however, the hard-hitting Senator has not been well, and Mrs. Johnson broke a shoulder blade in a fall not long ago. Johnson has remained in Washington and been quiet in regard to the campaign so far. He is not expected back here before election. That would not, however, prevent his issuing a statement urging the re-election of Roosevelt. It is generally believed here Johnson will not say anything. According to some of Johnson's intimates, he is by no means enamored of a number of things the New Deal has done.

Senator McAdoo, Democrat, the junior Senator, has been here campaigning for the President. He left yesterday on the Yankee Clipper for its trip by air to the Philippines.

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The Great Game Of Politics

By FRANK R. KENT

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A Pretty Sticky Dose

AS THE New Deal candidate, supremely confident and very gay, sure that it is "all in the bag," swings about the country, smiling upon the people, joking with the admiring correspondents, he tolerantly explains that none of the indictments against his Administration has anything in them whatever—just a lot of nonsense.

ALL THE criticism is unfounded. Every allegation is just a "political bedtime story." Some day he is going to write an "amusing chapter" about how funny it all is. This talk about his stirring up class hatred is just a joke. There isn't any such thing in the country—mere moonshine. It is all very light-hearted and bright, well calculated when supported by the greatest propaganda organization of history and echoed by hundreds of Administration orators to convince the credulous that nothing whatever happened since Mr. Roosevelt came in not wholly sweet, good, and in the interest of us all. To doubt that is to be evil.

HE DID NOT, for example, fail to redeem his 1932 pledges and keep the solemn promises personally made of reducing the cost of the Government and the size of the Federal machine. He did not try to force upon the country a scheme for regimenting and regulating every business, big and little, or to control the production of food on the farms. The Supreme Court did not knock out these schemes because they clashed with the Constitution. All of the vast sums he has spent have been spent to "keep the people from starving."

NONE OF IT has been wasted on radical experiments. The huge debt which he has piled up was due to the emergency; none of it was to enable young intellectuals to try out their campus notions of "Making America Over." And, anyway, the debt is really very small considering all things. And he never was antagonistic to business—that is just ridiculous. He really is the friend of business, along with his friends, the La Follettes. And look how good business is now and how happy everybody is and how miserable they all were before he came in and saved civilization. Concerning politics in relief, he guaranteed that relief would be free from politics. So, of course, it is. These affidavits and accusations of the political use in his interests of the WPA machines are absurd, just campaign stuff. The idea that a great vested voting interest has been created which grows larger and costs more every year, despite industrial improvement, is something not to notice at all.

AS FOR STIRRING up class hatred, arraying group against group, that isn't so. He never used silly phrases, such as "princes of privilege" and "economic royalists," with the idea of inflaming the poor against the rich. Dr. Tugwell did not urge the farmers and workers "to surge forward against our enemies." Mr. Hopkins did not proclaim to his pay-roll subordinates that "if you haven't found out that this is a fight between the Haves and the Have Nots and that we're with the Have Nots, it's time you did." The New Deal publicity has not been keyed to convey the notion that all who differ from Mr. Roosevelt are wicked millionaires who care nothing for "human rights," favor child labor and the grinding down of the poor. Of course, that isn't stirring up class hatred. And Mr. Roosevelt did not sell the Democratic party "down the river" in Minnesota—and Wisconsin. And the gifted Mr. Farley has not made a special racial campaign, the aim of which is to deliver to Mr. Roosevelt the bulk of the Negro vote in the doubtful States of the North. There isn't an enormous new Negro division at headquarters, and his friend, Dr. Stanley High, did not celebrate Emancipation Day in his interests.

NONE OF THESE things happened. They are just political bedtime stories about which some day M. Roosevelt will write an "amusing chapter." It may be the susceptibility of the American people to "charm" is such that they want another four years of this smug ignoring of the truth, this unctuous assumption that in New Deal leadership repose all wisdom and virtue. It may be they will swallow this sticky dose, daily fed to them by New Deal spokesmen. It may be they will be fooled. A good many smart boys seem willing to bet 2 to 1 a majority of them will be.

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October 26, 1936.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
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My dear Jack:

I received this morning your last letter.

Your statement of what is going to happen in the political campaign in California, I think accurate. I have heard very little about Landon down south, and whether this trip did anything for him. Certainly, his speech did not, but there is no use speculating upon this election. It is all over.

It was unfortunate that I went down last week with what the doctors call "colitis". Barring the fact that it was very painful, and I had some temperature to begin with, it was not of much consequence. It is no trouble for me to live upon milk, and that I have done for the past few days. The worst part of it is, that after striving very carefully, and very earnestly, and having reached a measure of recovery, this unfortunate thing came, and sets me back. There is nothing to do but begin all over again, and that I will do with good grace.

We were glad to read of Philip's birthday, your celebration, and his satisfaction with what we sent. I just saw the football score in the paper of Saturday's game, and California was beaten again. It seems terrible that they can not do a better job than they do.

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My love to the boys, Miss Schow, and lots to
yourself,

Affectionately,

Stan

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Saturday, October 31, 1936.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
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My dear Jack:

Hiram wrote us the other day, and I was greatly concerned with one part of his letter. He said you had been reducing, and had already taken off twenty pounds. I want you to know something about this reduction weight, as it has come to me, in relation to myself. As you know, I went upon the strictest diet, and lived up to its requirements. I weigh now 172 pounds, a couple more pounds at night, but my morning weight is as I have indicated. There is a great to-do now to make me weigh more, and Dr. O'Malley has let the bars down until I get back to 180. He evidently thinks the weakness which I feel, and which it seems impossible for me to improve, has been caused by the diet, and yet my reduction in weight was gradually done, but according to the strict letter of the requirements. Now, it may be that with your greater strength, you can stand the loss of twenty pounds without any result, but I am a little fearful of this. If you find yourself feeling "woblety" in the legs, or getting unduly irritated, or afflicted with a general lassitude, you will know that you have done too much. I am cautioning you, my dear boy, because I know how likely one can go to extremes, and besides it is not necessary for you.

Next Tuesday is the fatal day. For months I have never had any doubt of the result, and I have not now. I will be glad when it is over.

With my love to the boys, Miss Schow, and lots to yourself, I am

Affectionately yours,

Dad