SEEN HEARD around the NATIONAL CAPITAL By Carter Field

Washington. - Governor Alf M. Landon's strength in the farm states, now demonstrated, serves to keep him in the presidential race, but leaves him still dependent upon success in the parlay of big states east of the Mississippi.

That parlay has had but one change as a result of Landon's improved chances west of the Mississippi. Before the farm speeches at Des Moines and Minneapolis which, repercussions have indicated, cinched for the Republican nominee Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, and put Minnesota and Colorado in the "leaning Republican" column, the group of states east of the Mississippi that Landon must carry to have a chance stood as follows: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. And even this was predicated on the premise that he must also carry all the New England states.

With his present strength in the farm belt, Indiana may be eliminated from this must list.

As is general in such cases, Indiana begins to show more Republican strength at the same moment that it loses its status of being absolutely vital to the Republican candidate. Present indications are that Indiana will go Republican. In fact, the same farm speeches which cinched Iowa and Nebraska and South Dakota for Landon helped him enormously in Indiana and in southern Illinois.

But the fact remains that Landon cannot lose a single one of the modified must list. There are just not enough electoral votes within the realm of probabilities to make for one of them.

The most interesting phase of this campaign to any disinterested observer must be the way this list of states, all of which Landon has to carry, shifts about. For a time after Governor Herbert H. Lehman was induced to run for re-election in New York, it seemed as though the Empire state was the weakest ings assessed, the idea being to link in the Republican chain. Then for one reason and another Republican prospects in New York began to improve until now they are much

ter than in Pennsylvania, Ohio Illincis or Michigan.

There are two entirely different phases even of the one side-the side that Colonel Knox is presenting so vigorously.

One is the charge that Roosevelt spending, with the constantly increasing national debt due to the fact that the government every year spends more than it takes in, will inevitably lead to inflation. Inflation, once started, cannot well be stopped. Few governments in the history of the world, once they embarked on printing-press money, have been able to do anything about it. The latest spectacular case, of course, is Germany. On the other hand, the United States government financed the Civil war with print-

ing-press money, and eventually made good, redeeming all the greenbacks with gold.

The story of that recovery, however, is so dreary, extending through the Grant administration scandals, and with repercussions leading up to the McKinley-Bryan sound money versus free silver campaigns. In fact, that story is so unhappy that few of the active inflationists in public life, such for instance as Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, have manifested any desire to mention it.

They Talk Figures

To this phase the answer of the Democrats of course is that President Roosevelt is just as strongly opposed to printing-press money as is Governor Alf M. Landon himself. They talk about balancing the budget after the emergency is passed,

and then slowly paying off some of the debt. They do not talk very

much about this for an obvious reason. If they start talking figures. naturally it looms inevitably that there must be higher taxes. During the campaign the Democrats do not want to talk about higher taxes. In fact, the White House went to some pains to make it clear to the country that there would be no new taxes next year.

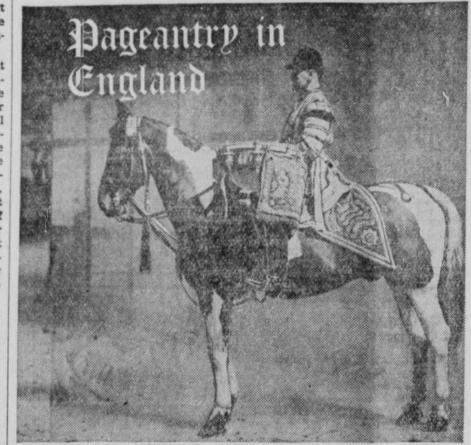
There is another reason why the Democrats do not want to talk so much about higher taxes just at present. Every one knows that President Roosevelt's own idea about these higher taxes is very definite.

He expects to make the big corporations and the big incomes pay more. When he proposed the original sliding scale tax on corporation incomes, nearly eighteen months ago,

he wanted the scale to run up much higher. When last spring he urged the present tax law, he wanted a much

bigger slice of undistributed earnforce distribution of bigger dividends, and then to get at the big incomes by high bracket individual income taxes.

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No one is long in London before that becomes evident. And when spring comes to the British capital, pageantry is not far behind.

A month before, the south coast has retained the winter's health seekers and a generous sprinkling of visitors from "The Colonies." To watch the opening of the mail in a drawing room of Penzance or Tor-

quay is like leafing the pages of an imperial atlas or a stamp album. The season's northward passage from Kent and Sussex changes the

country's outlook. Then the visiting expatriates move north, and the Cornish Riviera emerges from its plate-glass windbreaks. The daffodills have begun to show themselves in London's parks.

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In St. James's Park the pelicans plume themselves for another round lights, there is danger aplenty and of admirers. Testy old Colonials, drama for all. amid youngsters with the same straight backs, ride splendid horses along that mid-city strip of tanbark horseflesh will be clucking to their known as Rotten Row. Before St. Paul's and under the haughty noses

of the Landseer lions in Trafalgar Square children minister to the vernal voracity of the London pigeons. In Whitehall, where the Horse

Guards sit their coal-black mounts, warm red winter capes are removed to display white buckskip

ler thrusts out a sixpenny bunch of

The wide expanse of Dartmoor,

religion and literature, all have

Yet even these alluring places, so

their devotees.

At a pageant the king may sit his horse while colors that have faced enemy fire are dipped in salute, or the tale of Runnymede, built

up by Roman and Dane, Plantagenet and Tudor, may be retold in one stirring afternoon beside the Thames.

In the Midlands, smoke and haze often thwart the sun, but spring arrives with the pounding of hoofs and the cries of the crowd at the Grand National Steeplechase, which determines the winners of the Irish Sweepstakes, now duplicated on Derby Day.

The course is four and one-fourth miles, with 30 jumps. Beyond any of them, all but the lead horse may land on his rivals' sky-turned hoofs instead of on billiard-cloth turf, or trample a bright-clad jockey. An How many hundreds of springs Aintree steeplechaser will swerve have worked their magic around in the middle of a leap to avoid a Ludgate Hill? Yet the story is never | fallen rider, but when a dozen leapers cross Becher's Brook together,

like a pony ballet pawing the foot-

A few days after the race half the men who slap reins on workaday steeds in the name of the year's Grand National winner.

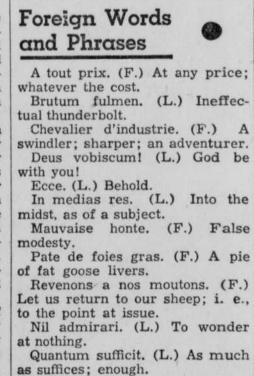
After this dramatic attack, spring consolidates its hold. Small parties hie away to rustic spots beloved because they are known to few. How one island can contain so many favorite picnic sites is a mystery. "Gated roads," "private" signs, and



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Drift in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania was the second state the Landon backers. But there has | for the Republicans. been a drift back there, and now Pennsylvania, the Republicans think, is responding to treatment. Next one of the important polls

showed Michigan swinging to Franklin D. Roosevelt, and all the tremors that New York and Pennsylvania had caused in the Republican high command were repeated. For all realize that they cannot win without Michigan's 19 electoral votes.

There is no evidence of any swingback in Michigan, but for various reasons the Republicans are now worried more about Ohio than any of the others.

Primarily this is due to disappointment. From the moment of the Cleveland convention they had assumed that Ohio was in the bag. It had gone for Roosevelt in 1932 by only about 74,000. Many of its important leaders were known to be lukewarm to Roosevelt. Both its senators had voted against the Roosevelt tax bill. Senator Vic Donahey had walked out of the Philadelphia convention despite the earnest pleading of James A. Farlev that he make a seconding speech for Roosevelt. Finally Landon had spent his boyhood in eastern Ohio. But the polls being taken by the Columbus Dispatch and the Scripps Howard papers are showing that

while the Republican nominee for governor is running way ahead of the Democratic incumbent, the same voters are favoring Roosevelt over Landon by a substantial lead. So the jitters of John D: M. Hamilton's lieutenants are now resulting from Ohio.

In a couple of weeks it will probably be New York again, or Pennsylvania. A parlay is rather hard on the nerves.

Two-Edged Sword

Although the Democrats have failed to capitalize the insurance issue sprung by Col. Frank Knox, there is an element among the Republicans which is frightened to death about it. What they are afraid of is that so many life insurance salesmen will run into stiff sales resistance on the part of their prospects, and blame Colonel Knox in particular and the whole Republican ticket in general for their difficulties.

Actually the big men in the insurance business are in absolute sympathy with Colonel Knox's views, on two counts. But the big insurance men have very few votes, whereas the number of life insurance salesmen is legion.

That is where the two-edged sword of this issue comes in. And probably no one will know for some time to come, perhaps not until after the election, which edge did the most cutting.

But discussion of that point right now is not the Democratic strategy. That particular issue is a two-edged sword for them, as much as the Knox scare on life insurance polito play havoc with the nerves of cies and savings bank deposits is

Another Issue

ily cut.

As if the bright lights around Loss of interest on savings bank Leicester Square had helped coax accounts, and diminished dividends them forth, early blossoms circle the base of a statue to England's on life insurance policies, is another phase of the issue Col. Frank Knox immortal poet and playwright. has injected into the campaign Leaning on a pile of his works, his which is causing such concern both legs crossed more carelessly than a sculptor allows in the case of a among Republicans and Democrats, no one being sure which way the general or a statesman, Shakenet advantage of this issue is going speare broods in the center of a to fall on election day. theaterland whose craft he glorified.

daffodils.

This phase of the issue has noth-Nerve Center of Empire ing to do with the possibility of Another spot gilded by daffodils is printing-press money-of an inflathe garden outside the Houses of tion which might lead to a gradual Parliament, a site where monarchs fall in value of the dollar so that ruled from Edward the Confessor the purchasing power of savings and to Henry VIII. Since the days of insurance payments might be heav-Bluff King Hal, the House of Commons has turned this Thames-side

It is concerned with the immedimeeting place into the democratic ate present, and has to do almost heart of a farflung Empire. entirely with the present very low The World war Tommy sang to rate of interest. In the first place, Piccadilly and Leicester Square, all the banks are stuffed with govbut the nerve center of the British ernment bonds. These bonds pay so Commonwealth is this fortress of little interest that from the point of constitutional government beside view of income to the banks it is al-British historic river. most as bad as not loaning the Three centuries ago, under the money out at all.

This cheap interest rate has naturally affected other borrowers. Corporations making new bond issues have taken advantage of it. Everybody who has to borrow money has taken advantage of it. So England closer to chaos. that the income of banks and insurance companies which must invest money in order to live has fallen sharply.

In the case of banks, this has resulted in sharp curtailment of interest payment on savings accounts and almost universal discontinuance of any interest on checking accounts.

Cuts Dividends

In the case of insurance companies, it has resulted in sharp reduction of the amount of dividends allowed policy holders. To some policy holders this has actually meant beaked face before those still too an increase in their premiums, for many have always used the diviyoung to read Punch. On a hundred dends to reduce their premiums. lakes and streams the swans stretch To others, who have always used their long necks in begging. Down the dividends to purchase additionthe hidden lanes of Devon, Kent, and al insurance, i' has simply meant Sussex cyclist and motorists push that they did not obtain this additheir explorations. tional insurance. Taking both classes, the net has been that the the coves of Cornwall, the gossamer cost of their insurance has inhaze of English lakes, the pilgrim

creased. So that it might be stated that all holders of savings bank deposits and insurance policies have been hurt as a result of this cheaper interest rate, not to mention owners of bank stocks.

On the other hand, the borrowers have had a field day. They have been getting money cheaper than at any time in their memory. C Bell Syndicate .- WNU Service.

turnstiles are designed not so much In front of the Old Admiralty, whence Nelson hurried off toward to keep out beauty seekers as to keep in an air of tseclusion and the Strait of Gibraltar and the battle commemorated by the name quiet. of Trafalgar Square, a flower sel-

Everywhere citizens move out to greet the bursting bud, the new-born lamb, the soft spring breeze along white cliffs, or welcome warmth at the foot of red-rock sun traps near the sea.

England can be grim. There is the cruel tower where Anne Boleyn's slender throat was severed by a sword and those of Catherine Howard, Lady Jane Grey, and the Earl of Essex by an ax; but London River calls us. London Tower is a scene of the nation's tragic deaths: the Thames of its birth and growth

and power. Who has not heard the aphorism: "The St. Lawrence is water; the Missouri is muddy water; the Thames is liquid history"?

Cruises on The Thames

Today a well-managed excursion cruises down London River under the auspices of the Port of London Authority. Shiploads of school children and adults are carried amid the busiest portions of London's 70mile port. They are shown through the docks that feed and furnish a nation and link this tiny island to the Empire its restless mariners won, and to the world.

Palace of Westminster, a tall fellow Leaflets are distributed which map with auburn hair sat amid barrels the course, epitomize the river's of gunpowder. In a few hours King, history, and list the day's portion Lords, and Commons were to meet of a thousand ships a week convergin the hall overhead. A watch proing from the far corners of the vided by Thomas Percy ticked all earth. Through loudspeakers, intelligent guides point out where Ra-The Gunpowder Plot was disleigh spread his cloak for Queen covered. Intervening centuries have Elizabeth, where the time-ball of a healed the grim memory of his exmodest observatory marks the stride of our sphere, where Francis ecution, and Guy Fawkes Day has

become a children's festival, with Drake, expecting punishment, was fireworks shooting from grotesque knighted on the Golden Hind. effigies to amuse the crowd. But Once there were more boats upon even yet, before the king leaves the Thames than there were hack-Buckingham palace to open Parlianey coaches in the streets, and magment, red-coated beefeaters search istrates from the City were rowed the cellars beneath this mighty pile. to Westminster. Today many travel-On Hampstead Heath coveys of

ers ignore the "most significant wakites, their strings coiled on reels terway in the world," extended by strong enough for tunny fishing, the Grand Union Canal, which shake their tails across the heavens, makes the industrial Midlands shipping suburbs of the London docks. while Punchinello wags his long-

Near the upper reaches of tidewater is Kew, a vast open-air nursery for plants and "a convalescent home for all sore souls." Through the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew the rubber plantations of Malaya

passed on their way from the native forests in Brazil. India's post offices could not sell Asiatic quinine to relieve the tropical fevers of countless places of art and architecture, of millions until South America's cinchona tree was bequeathed to Ceylon and the Himalayas through the

propagating gardens of Kew. Kew is one of London's best-loved

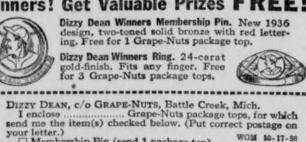
fondly dreamed of around tea tables in paneled rooms, are hard put to playgrounds, especially when young keep admirers from rushing off to spring has ringed its little lake with some display of uniforms, banners, fuzzy foliage and touched the widehorseflesh, or costumes-perhaps a spread green with masses of gay lady of quality wearing the same blossoms. Bluebell, lilac, magnolia, gown and the same title as did a and azalea, all have their devotees.



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