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Nov. 3. Rain followed by clearing. Visit of Harrison the photographer this afternoon. Pleasant general talk also about Velox times Eastman etc. A very pleasant gentleman.

Samuel Insull and his debacle

Nov 4. Showers + sunshine. Newspapers remind that today of three years ago, Samuel Insull, the Public Utilities magnate was on the top of all his glory in opening his Gigantic Skyscraper Opera house in Chicago which he had erected to spite Mrs McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller in his rivalry for wielding the Social Skepter in that City and now ~~keeps~~ is a hiding old man of 73 in Greece, yesterday was weeping there before the men who want to extradite him and put him in prison. What a life!

Many office letters coming in from office and everywhere. Same old routine begins.

This evening at 9 P.M. listened on Radio to Hoover's speech in St. Louis before a numerous and wildly cheering audience. Excellent, forceful speech well delivered, refuting all the absurdities and endless promises of Franklin Roosevelt.

Frank Roosevelt

Nov 5. Evening went to Commodore Munroe for short visit.

Nov 6 Sunday. Restful sunny day. Nobody to disturb me.

Excellent music on the Radio all afternoon.

Nov 7 Celine arrived at 7 AM. cloudy and rainy, clearing afternoon with moonlight on evening

Nov. 8. Election day. Were at the polling place, Coconut Grove City Hall before 8 A.M when polls

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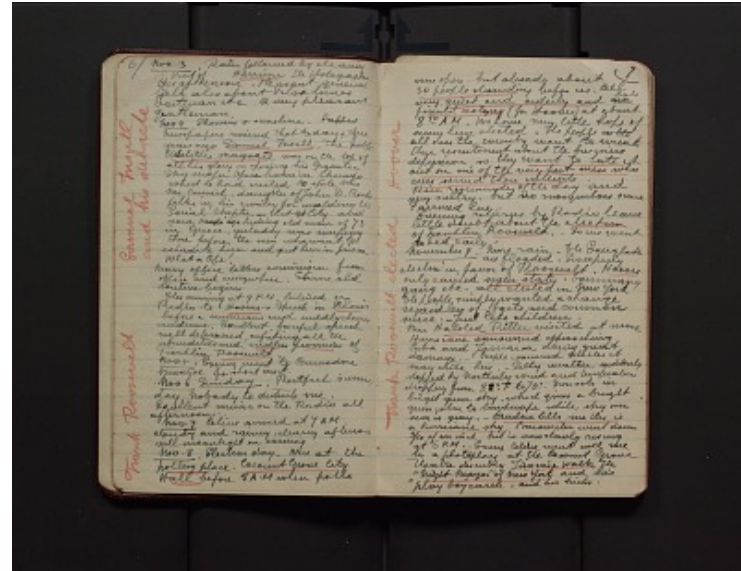
Hoover were open, but already about 30 people standing before us. All very quiet and orderly and ~~no~~ finished voting (for Hoover) at about 8:30 A.M. We have very little hope of seeing him elected. The people in the all over the country want to wreak their resentment about the business depression, so they want to take it out on one of the very best men who ever served their interests.

Rain remainder of the day and very sultry, but no mosquitoes since I arrived here.

Frank Roosevelt elected

Evening returns by Radio leave little doubt about the election of Franklin Roosevelt. - So we went to bed early.

November 9. More rain. The Everglades are flooded. Sweeping election in favor of Roosevelt. Hoover only carried seven states. Tammany gang etc. all elected in New York. The people simply wanted a change



regardless of facts and common sense. - Just like children.
Mrs Halsted Ritter visited at
noon
Hurricane announced approaching Cuba and Jamaica doing great
damage. - People concerned whether it may strike here. - Sultry
weather suddenly stopped by Northerly wind and temperatures dropping
from 82°F to 70°. Sunsets in bright green sky, which gives a bright green
color to landscape while sky over sea is gray. - Barometer
Andrew tells me this is a hurricane sky. Barometer
went down 3/10 of an inch but is now slowly rising at 6 P.M. - Evening
Celine went with me to a photoplay at the Coconut Grove Theatre
describing Jimmie Walker the "Night Mayor" of New
York and his "play boy career, and his tricks.

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