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President Truman has taken quick action in the sudden strike that hit the Wabash railroad today.

At the Temporary White House, Key West, Florida, the President this evening signed an executive order setting up a fact-finding board. Under the National Labor railway act, the strikers will have to go back to work - until the Presidential Board investigates ~~it~~ and makes its report.

The Wabash strike is all the more important because that railroad occupies a key position as a connecting line - joining other railroads in the Middle West.

## SUB RENT CONTROL

Late today the House of Representatives passed a rent control bill - this one with the proviso that any local governing body may lift the government restrictions in its own area. A state legislature or any other local governing authority could, by passing a resolution, take its own locality out from under Federal Rent Control. The bill, passed in that form by the Lower House, is a defeat for the Truman administration - the President demanding stronger and broader Federal authority to keep a ceiling on rents.

WALGREN

The Senate armed services committee rejects the nomination of Mon Walgren. This, ~~is~~ a sharp set-back to President Truman. A close friend, and the former Governor of the State of Washington, <sup>he</sup> ~~is~~ named Walgren for the post of Chairman of the National Securities Resources Board, which board has charge of plans for the industrial mobilization of this country, if war should ~~take place~~ <sup>come</sup>.

Today's committee action was about as definite as a committee action could be - the nomination tabled. Meaning, that it does <sup>not</sup> even get to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

The committee exonerated Walgren from charges reflecting on his integrity, charges made by Senator Cain of Washington. However, the committee rejected the nomination, which amounts to a victory for the Washington Senator. The vote was seven to six, Senator Byrd of <sup>(Virginia)</sup> ~~Virginia~~ casting the decisive ballot in this newest congressional rebuff, which is likely to cause chagrin at the White House.

**PORTLAND**

In Portland, the newspapers are resuming publication - after a twenty-five day shut down because of a strike by pressmen. Today, once again, the printing presses of the Oregon Journal were rolling, and the Oregonian will be published again tomorrow.

## FILIBUSTER

The news from Washington would seem to indicate that all-time-filibuster-honors go to Senator Ellender of Louisiana. The fifty-seven year old lawmaker from the Bayou country held forth yesterday and today, continuously for twelve-hours-and-twenty-one minutes. The figures show that, in mere point of time, this is the third longest oration <sup>the</sup> ~~in~~ United States Senate has ever known. Back in Nineteen ~~08~~ Eight the formidable Bob LaFollette, one of the Senatorial giants of the period, talked for eighteen-hours-and-twenty-five minutes. In Nineteen Thirty-five Huey Long, the Louisiana<sup>a</sup> King Fish, held forth for fifteen-hours-and-thirty-five minutes. But in previous filibusters, the marathon orator got help. There were quorum calls, a convenient way of ~~an~~ making things easier for him - roll calls to give him intervals of rest. Also the filibustering elocutionist might be aided by ~~Questions~~ <sup>— —</sup> ~~Senators~~ <sup>^</sup> on his side interrupting him to ask questions now and then. Such queries could be long and involved each almost a speech by itself.

Giving the filibuster<sup>er</sup> a rest. But Ellender required not such aids. His fellow southerners tried to help out by asking questions, but he <sup>Sen. Ellender</sup> waived them aside, trusting to his own unaided lung power. What did he talk about? Always an interesting point in one of those filibustering orations. Well, he took up a good part of his twelve-hours-and-twenty-one minutes by reciting the history of the election laws of the forty-eight states, each and every one of the forty-eight, which took up quite a bit of time.

How did he stand the strain? The best answer is to quote the following from the Washington news dispatch: "Ellender's voice" says the report "was strong, and his enunciation was clear, when he wound up his marathon address. He had <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>even</sup> bothered to loosen his collar". In other words, the oratory was not an exhausting ordeal for the orator, -- But it must have been all of that for the listeners.

In Washington the filibuster is still on - although the Administration Democrats are willing to call off their attempt to impose an anti-filibuster rule. They are eager to get on to other business - especially rent control. But the Southerners refuse to stop talking, afraid that, if they allow the emergency legislation to go through, the administration forces will come right back with another drive against ~~the~~ filibustering. What the Dixieland senators want is to settle the whole filibuster business with a compromise on their own terms - before they stop talking.

Today a conference was held between Administration senators, the Southerners and the Republicans and a proposal was offered to the orators from Dixieland. But they turned it down. That was announced this afternoon by Democratic leader Senator Scott Lucas. - The Republicans, meanwhile, <sup>were</sup> holding a party <sup>caucus</sup> of their own, to decide what to do. They helped to beat the Administration attempt to shut off debate. But they, at the same time, are in favor of an anti-filibuster

rule. They are jock<sup>ing</sup> for position between the feuding factions of Democrats, Administration and southerners.

It's all complicated and confusing. The only obvious fact being that the Southerners are determined to keep on talking, tying things up, until they get an arrangement suitable to themselves.

The Republicans are demanding continuous around the clock sessions in the Senate to break the filibuster by ~~xxxxxx~~ wearing out the Southerners. This means more embarrassment for the administration leaders - as the Dixieland orators rolls on tonight with new speakers taking the floor, one after another.



## VISHINSKY

In Moscow tonight the new Soviet Foreign Minister, Vishinsky, is holding his first diplomatic reception. The Moscow diplomatic corps will be there, but only in part. The Western diplomats will be conspicuous by their absence - because of a lack of invitations. There has been plenty of international speculation about ~~their~~ the removal of Molotov, Vishinsky taking his place as Foreign Minister. All kinds of guesses have been made, and this bit of news today may help in the guessing game. Vishinsky is holding his first diplomatic reception - in honor of a delegation from the Red Government of North Korea. Diplomats of various kinds ~~were~~ invited, but none representing the Western Powers.

## DENMARK

The Foreign Minister of Denmark gives a strong indication that he will recommend the entrance of his country into the alliance of the West. ~~Under~~ the Atlantic Security Pact. Foreign Minister Rasmussen today wound up a series of conferences at the State Department in Washington, and is flying home tonight, after making his opinion decidedly clear - that Denmark should join in the treaty one hundred percent.

At the same time news is given out that British Foreign Secretary Earnest Bevin will come to Washington for the signing of the North Atlantic Security Pact - the ceremony scheduled for the first week in April.

## REFUELING

The British have just announced that they invented ~~the~~ and developed the refueling system used by the American B-Fifty bomber on that famous around the world flight -- non-stop. The Society of British Aircraft Constructors states that the refueling system employed in the American triumph originated in Britain, where it was tested for years, under all conditions.

And the credit they give for this to Sir Alan Cobham, who made aviation history some years back with great flying - many of the early and greatest long distance flights when Sir Alan's name made top headlines month in and month out.

They say that for fifteen years Cobham worked on the problem of re-fueling, and solved it. All of which is likely enough. In fact a year ago, <sup>in my own home,</sup> Cobham told me the story of the years of work he and his British colleagues had put in at this.

So what has our American Air Force to say about it? Nothing thus far. That whole business of around-the-world refueling is being kept a secret --

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the method, the technique. So far there has been little information about how it actually works. But we do know that Sir Alan Cobham and his assistants have been at this for a long long time.

## NEW YORK

From New York, news of a deluge of appeals pouring in on Clendenin Ryan, who is hitting the headlines as a civic reformer. Ryan, of the family of the late millionaire Thomas Fortune Ryan, is said to have donated one million dollars to clean up the municipal government in cities from coast to coast.

In New York, he is charged with wire tapping, cutting in on telephone messages of city officials. -  
~~He~~ is in the middle of a bitter dispute with New York's Mayor O'Dwyer. Ryan is assailing the O'Dwyer administration as gangster-controlled. <sup>and he</sup> He denies the charge of the wire tapping plot. <sup>TP</sup> Going before the Grand Jury to testify today, he announced that he would waive immunity - as he gives evidence.

<sup>TP</sup> Meanwhile, ~~as~~ he says he is inundated with messages from people in other towns, asking him to help in a political cleanup of their communities.

## ROOSEVELT

It looks as if the Washington news might be telling about Franklin Delano Roosevelt again. The Affairs of Government may feature that famous name once more, F.D.R. Jr. this time. <sup>R</sup> A news dispatch from New York states that the thirty-five year old son of the late President is going to run for Congress, seeking the place left vacant by the death of the veteran Congressman Sol Bloom. He has agreed to run, and ~~the~~ Democratic politicians in New York <sup>say</sup> ~~declare~~ that he is virtually certain of getting the Democratic nomination. <sup>and he</sup> will make the race in a Manhattan district that has been Democratic for many years.

The young Franklin D. Roosevelt looks a great deal like his father, adding to the reminiscence of the picture - if he should be elected to Congress. <sup>TP</sup> So Franklin Jr. becomes the first of the Roosevelt sons to seek election to political office.

# MINERAL KING

The temptation to talk tonight about where I have been, for the last three days, is almost overpowering, I'm so full of it. But, it's too long a story, so I'll not even start. Perhaps some other time, in a special broadcast. <sup>TP</sup> It's the story of one of the most remote regions in the United States, the Mineral King, in the lofty Sierras, just over a high mountain wall from Sequoia National Park. It's the story of Stivers Ranch at Three Rivers, <sup>our take-off point</sup> where we were <sup>greeted</sup> welcomed with a great welcome sign built <sup>all</sup> out of cakes of Ivory; <sup>then</sup> on into the mountains with pack-train-operator May Buchman, over one of the dizziest mountain roads in the world. <sup>TP</sup> From snow line still deeper into the mountains to uninhabited <sup>Cartland Hills</sup> country, in a weasel, a mechanical form of transportation, invented by Satan, for getting where there are no roads. <sup>TP</sup> It would be a story of Coyotes, and deer and bear, abandoned mines, <sup>any</sup> snowy mountains that remind you of Alaska, <sup>fb</sup> some of them nameless, <sup>7</sup> journeying through and looking down on the greatest <sup>of</sup> trees in the world; <sup>7</sup> snow cornices

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to take your breath away, <sup>and beyond</sup> ~~across~~ in the distance

Mt. Whitney highest mountain in the United States. *also*

~~and~~ the <sup>✓</sup> ~~stories~~ of two yodeling American mountaineers  
from central Europe - Otto Steiner and Vicki Hasher,  
extraordinary fellows each worthy of a whole broadcast.

*TT* But the Mineral King country and story are far too  
big to tackle tonight. Some other time - maybe.



## RADIO SETS

Here is a warning, if you are a ham radio operation, and happen to have purchased a Navy receiving and transmitting set. At least five hundred of these items of surplus Navy property have been sold, and each is equipped with a secret exploding device, which may blow the thing to pieces.

This fact came to light when Hans Trippler, radio ham of East Detroit, bought one of the Navy sets - and, being ~~an~~ an enthusiast ~~for~~ <sup>at</sup> radio mechanics, took it apart. To ~~his~~ his astonishment, he found an explosive device which could be touched off by a secret mechanism. The answer is that, during the war, the Navy wired the sets with explosives, so that they could be destroyed quickly to keep them from falling into the hands of the enemy. That fact some how or other, was forgotten, and the sets found their way into the surplus property put up for sale. Without anybody realizing the danger. One dealer in Detroit states that he has sold some five hundred of the <sup>sets</sup> sets, and others may have been put into circulation, by other dealers. Let's hope that ~~the~~

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some radio ham does not <sup>have</sup> ~~find~~ one of these <sup>m</sup>~~things~~  
blowing up in his face.

## PREACHER

Out in New Zealand <sup>somehow</sup> they <sup>we gotten</sup> ~~have got~~ religion all mixed up with horse racing. A clergyman, in the town of New Plymouth, had that racing spirit typical of the British. And he got a hot tip on a horse named Eardale. So what did he do? The church needed money, as a church is likely to do, and he passed the tip on to the Congregation. He told them: "Bet on Eardale, and give your winnings to the church fund!" <sup>TP</sup> It was a hot tip all right, because Eardale came in first, paid ten to one. Which sounds good for the church fund. <sup>TP</sup> But here's the pathetic part of it. The clergyman did what many another horse-player has done, upon getting a tip. He weakened at the last moment, and switched his own bet to another horse. So he lost his money, and let's hope he didn't lose part of the church fund. Things can be strange, when you mix horse racing and religion. *Don't ever try mixing them, Ken!*