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The ^{was an} ~~most~~ interesting Thanksgiving Day party

today

Party still going on no doubt.

at Key West, Florida. - ~~but that is not merely because~~
Interesting not only because

the host ~~is~~ is the President of the United States.

President and Mrs. Truman are entertaining Chief

Justice and Mrs. Vinson, The name of Vinson stirs

immediate attention in politics.

Washington rumor has been mentioning the
Chief Justice for some time as a possible Democratic
candidate - if President Truman does not intend to
run again. They are long time personal friends, and
Fred Vinson comes from a border state, Kentucky.

Which gives him a sort of middle position in the feud
between the ^(northern) ~~northern~~ Democrats and the southern
Dixiecrats.

Before leaving for Key West, the Chief
Justice remarked that his visit was -- "purely social".
But it takes more than mere words to keep the
political wiseacres from seeing signs and portents.

Meanwhile some strongly worded logic
emanates from Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon - on the

subject of General Ike. The Senator, a leader in the Eisenhower boom for President says he knows nothing directly, but ^{he} reasons it out like this.

"The General," declares the Senator, "is perfectly aware of the fact that a nationwide movement is under way to organize a campaign on his behalf.

I don't think" Wayne Morse goes on, "that he would stand by, and let this great effort proceed, if he had absolutely no intention of making himself ^{available} for the Republican nomination."

That's the reasoning; and it sounds like textbook logic.

CHURCHILL

It's official -- about Winston Churchill coming to this country. In London tonight the announcement was made - the Prime Minister will sail to the United States December Twenty-Ninth, aboard the Queen Mary. And he will be accompanied by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, and British Atomic Director Lord Cherwell, as expected - also by Secretary of Commonwealth Relations, Lord Ismay.

Prime Minister Churchill will meet President Truman on January Third, and plans to spend a week in Washington - conferring on British-American problems. Then he will go to Ottawa for talks with Canadian Prime Minister St. Laurent. About a week in Canada - then home.

GERMANY

(In Paris the Foreign Ministers of the Western Big Three have drafted an agreement with the West German government. National sovereignty is to be restored in western Germany. - It ~~xx~~ amounts to that.)

Today, there was a conference between the American Secretary of State Dean Acheson, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, French Foreign Minister Schumann and German Chancellor Adenauer. When the ~~xxx~~ talk was over, they issued an announcement of the following terms:-

The occupation statute which gives the Allies the right of intervention in Western German ~~xxx~~ affairs -- will be revoked. The Allied High Commission will be abolished -- together with other offices through which western Germany has been controlled. The allied powers will retain only such rights as are necessary for keeping western troops in Germany - and for regulating relations between the Soviet and western zones.

Chancellor Adenauer makes jubilant comment,

calling the agreement - "a peace pact." Actually, it releases the conquered country from the control of the victors of World War Two.

PLANE-JUGOSLAVIA

The Jugoslavian government expresses "full regret" - for the forcing down of an American Air Force plane today by a Jugoslav^{an} fighter.

A hunt is on for an American transport which disappeared on Monday. We asked permission to send search planes over Jugoslavian territory and this was granted - but was limited to a ^{strip} along the border. An American plane strayed outside of that -- and a Jugoslavian fighter forced the pilot to land at the Pola airport.

Meanwhile, there's a belief that the lost American transport ~~did not disappear behind the Iron Curtain as had been thought. There are signs that it~~ may ~~have~~ have gone down in the mountains near the Italian border.

COMMUNIST SONGS

In Red Hungary, there's an enterprising music publishing outfit - which certainly goes after the customers. So they thought they'd make some sales to - "the Voice of America." Offering half a dozen songs - which, they said, are tremendously popular behind the Iron Curtain. The titles were listed, and here are the names of the song hits.

Stalin's Praise !

Stalin's Oath !

Stalin Cantata !

Stalin has led us !

The Stalin Harvest !

To the name of Stalin !

Yes, I'll bet these ballads are popular behind the Iron Curtain! - they'd better be!

~~I suppose the Reds were having some sort of~~
~~and they were~~ ^{Jim to} ~~trying to sell the Voice of America!~~ ~~or~~
~~maybe they were just pulling the Voice's leg!~~
~~worship of Stalin. But, hell if they think it is good~~

~~old propaganda over here - that's another song~~

KOREA TRUCE

(At Pan Mun Jom, two American and two Communist
^{tonight} officers are working on a map - tracing out an armistice.

An agreement in the truce business is so near completion
that the proceedings have reached - the map stage.)

So far as the terms go, there is only one single point
undecided -- connected with possible changes in the
armistice line, if they should fail to get a truce by
Christmas.

The map is a big one - on a scale of one to
fifty thousand, one foot of map to ten miles of
territory. For one hundred and fifty miles, ^{a map} ~~it would~~
be fifteen feet across.

Agreement virtually complete! -- unless
they get ~~it~~ into an argument ^{over} ~~about~~ the map.

Thanksgiving dinner for soldiers in the line.

At one place on the battlefield, the enemy celebrated Thanksgiving eve -- in a suicidal way.

In the black of night, two thousand Reds made a human sea charge against an American strongpoint. With a pandemonium of bugle calls, a beating of gongs^s and wild yells, they surged forward; - and were mowed down.

But they kept coming, bodies piled so ~~in~~ deep on barbed wire defences, they made a road for other Reds.

The small American force was hopelessly outnumbered, and pulled back. By mid-day, all was quiet, the Reds exhausted, apparently, after their heavy losses.

For the most part, the war front was at a standstill today - with flights of helicopters flying Thanksgiving dinners to soldiers in the line.

Governor Dewey calls on the Truman administration to "show unmistakably" that this country intends to support the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa. That point is made in the first ^{of} three articles in Collier's ~~Magazine~~ - giving an account of Tom Dewey's forty-one thousand mile tour of the Far East. *the longest overseas jaunt ever made by a top American political figure.* His argument is that, on Formosa, Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek has an army of six hundred thousand - the cost of maintaining which is one hundred million dollars a year. It would cost thirty or forty times as much for an American Army of the same size. So it would be a good investment for us to ^(finance) ~~finance~~ the Chinese Nationalist Army - as a way of defending against a Red sweep of all Asia.

Today witnessed the end of the greatest lawsuit for an estate in the history of the American courts -- also the most fantastic. The Garrett fortune of twenty-one million dollars, with forty thousand claimants.

The story goes back to an article so familiar in the days of old - snuff. Time was when this was a snuff - using country, and the most famous brand of all was -- Garrett's. The original Garrett piled up ^{many snuff} millions - which, in time, went to Mrs. Henrietta Garrett.

She lived in a Victorian mansion in Philadelphia, amid splendors of other years, and died in Nineteen Thirty. The last of the family - and she left no will. There were only distant relatives. But claimants of all sorts appeared; nearly everybody, it seemed. The news dispatch today puts the total at the almost incredible figure of forty thousand claimants. In the years of litigation the original twenty one millions were cut to eighteen and a half millions -

lawyers and court proceedings using up two and a half millions.

But now it's all over - a Philadelphia Judge okaying the final disposition. The Garrett fortune is divided into three parts, each going to an heir of a cousin of Mrs. Henrietta Garrett. One, a retired banker at Greenville, Mississippi; Another, a housewife in Chicago; Still another - your Uncle Sam. He gets one-third of the Garrett fortune, because one of the heirs was a German in Germany, an enemy alien.

So ends the biggest and most fantastic suit for an estate in American history.

A new romance appears in the news today.
The lady - Barbara Hutton, the dime store heiress.

Thirty-nine year old Barbara arrived in New York today from Europe, where she has just received a Parisian divorce from her fourth husband, Prince Igor Troubetzkoy. She says she has a new romance. But, if you think that means another marriage -- guess again.

To the newsmen, the Princess of five and ten explained: "A new romance? It's been going on for a long time. I'll keep that one - I don't want to spoil it by getting married." So there you have it - romance, but no wedding bells.

Reporters wanted to know - who was the lucky man? All they got was a couple of hints. One, mentioning Prince Bernard De La Tour D'Auvergne - an architect who has designed a new home for the Woolworth heiress down in Mexico. The other, naming the German tennis star, Baron Cramm. The Princess of nickels and dimes always did go in - for titles. But anyway, she is not going to spoil it -- by getting married.

PLYMOUTH

On this Thanksgiving Day, Miles Standish stood gazing at Plymouth Rock. Not, of course, Captain Miles Standish of long ago, the soldier among the Pilgrim Fathers. ^{It was} ~~But~~ his tenth generation descendant, Dr. Miles Standish of Oakland, California. On a visit to Boston, ^{California's Miles Standish} ~~he~~ took occasion to visit that scene of the first Thanksgiving.

The original Miles Standish was a military man of experience, when he joined the Pilgrims, in quest of new homes in the new world. He was also ~~quite~~ quite a diplomat -- able to get along with the Indians, learning their language. So, when the Plymouth Colony survived its first bitter year of hardship, and then gave thanks, Captain Miles Standish stood foremost on the first Thanksgiving Day.

I suppose his tenth descendant, at Plymouth today, must have mused over that old legend - the courtship of Miles Standish. How he sent his friend John Alden to woo the fair ~~Priscilla~~ Priscilla - but lost the lady ~~fixxix~~ to his friend. How John Alden made ^{that} ~~an~~

eloquent plea, with Priscilla saying: "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?"

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I've forgotten Nelson, did Miles have anything to say when he heard about that?