

TAFT

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Senator Taft hurls a broadside against the Presidential pronouncements during that whistle stop journey --  
declaring ~~saying~~ <sup>the</sup> that ~~the~~ Truman demand is for a "rubber stamp Congress."  
The Ohio Senator says: "the general program of the Truman crusade is clear:- Promise everyone everything and hope to back it up with government money. Such a policy, says Taft, will wreck the United States and reduce it to bankruptcy."

## DEMOCRATS

In Chicago the Democrats are having trouble paying out the two-dollar bills -- which were to have been distributed in the course of yesterday's big Hurrah for President Truman. The certificates were sent up in toy balloons and anyone who found a certificate was entitled to two ~~certificates~~<sup>bucks.</sup>. So today one thousand new two-dollar bills were waiting -- but only twelve claimants appeared. One reason was, perhaps, a high wind last night over the Windy City. An Illinois State Policeman found one of the ~~certificates~~<sup>(balloons)</sup> with a certificate just outside of Joliet, twenty-five miles away. So apparently a lot of them drifted far outside of Cook County, for which they were intended.

## RAILROAD STRIKE

Today, along thousands of miles of railroad, they were busy getting back to normal service - following the end of the strike. After six days, the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen and Enginemen came to an agreement with the Companies - abandoning the demand for an extra man on multiple Diesels, but getting concessions in other ways. The New York Central and Santa Fe were back to normal today, and other lines will be running full service tomorrow -

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LEWIS

John L. Lewis denies that he gave secret orders to the miners to continue their strike - while, officially, ~~he told~~ <sup>telling</sup> them to call it off. Which charge was made during the coal mine walkout last winter - when Lewis was faced with a court injunction ordering him to end the strike. A congressional committee is investigating the charge, and invited Lewis to appear today. But he didn't show up. Instead, he sent a statement to the Committee, denying that he violated the injunction by saying one thing in public, and another in private.

## FLOODS

Winnipeg is winning the Battle of the River - that's the way it looks tonight. The flood is easing off, though the authorities warn that the peril of the crest will stay on for the rest of the week. The dykes are holding - victory for fifty-five thousand wet and muddy <sup>folks</sup> heroes, who have been beating off the deluge with incessant labor, for days, hauling and piling sandbags. Warriors against the river!

CZECH

Tonight the British liner Queen Mary sails from New York - minus one passenger. He is remaining behind - cancelled his passage at the last minute - after receiving information from abroad. The word he got changed his mind fast.

Vladmir Houdek, the Czechoslovak delegate to the United Nations announces that he is resigning as chief of the Czechoslovak delegation. Because his Communist controlled country has, in his words - "ceased to exist as an independent state."

Well, we've all known that for some time, but Vladmir Houdek has an especial angle. He has been a close political associate of the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Clementis, who was deposed early this year - and today Houdek stated that Clementis will be accused before the Ninth Congress of the Czechoslovak Red party, which meets in a few days. He'll be charged with - Westernism. That is, sympathy with the liberal<sup>f</sup>ism of the West. That seemingly, was the news received so suddenly by the <sup>LCzecho-slovak</sup> Chief

Delegate to the U.N. So alarming that he decided  
immediately - not to go home. He might find himself  
on trial with the others.

TRYGVE LIE

~~I guess we won't have to get out the big type or a megaphone tone of voice for Trygve Lie's talk with Stalin.~~

The Secretary General of the United Nations, ~~had his wish, going to Moscow - to talk about ways of easing the Cold War.~~

~~and he is expected to visit the United Nations, where he will be~~

~~Secretary-General.~~ He hoped he'd be able to see Stalin, and

his hope came true, in a Kremlin interview with the Soviet

Premier. ~~What went on we don't know, and~~ today Trygve Lie

refused to give any details. But he <sup>(did give)</sup> ~~gave~~ a general hint to

the newsmen, saying - "It won't produce anything sensational,

it won't make headlines."

~~He had an interview today with the Ambassador of Communist China to Moscow. But I don't suppose that either will produce anything sensational, or make headlines.~~



CHINA

The Chinese Nationalists have abandoned the Chusan Islands - giving them up without a fight. Those islands lie south of Shanghai, and had been the base for an aerial blockade of that Communist-held port. The Nationalists are drawing in for a climactic defense of Formosa - which large island is now the last possession they hold.

Today Chiang Kai-shek promised an ironclad defense of strategic Formosa, followed by a Nationalist return to the mainland in a couple of years.

## TURKEY

Today's news from Turkey completes the picture of political overturn. They've nearly finished counting votes, and the result shows an overwhelming defeat for President Inonu, who has been head of the Turkish government for ~~twenty~~ twenty-seven years. He was protege' and successor to the legended Kemal Attaturk, creator of modern Turkey, and it seemed as if his political strength was too great to be overthrown. But Turkey, after many years as a dictatorial state, had a free election, finally. *Result - a landslide for* the opposition, ~~has~~ *won* three hundred and eighty seats in the Turkish Parliament. ~~The party of President Inonu - only fifty six. Fifty one~~ still in doubt. The new Parliament will meet on Monday, to elect a president - and it won't be Inonu, who ~~was~~ <sup>(so)</sup> long seemed a permanent fixture as ruler of Turkey.

We hear there was discontent because of economic conditions - also because of the long time rule by one party. The word from Turkey is that President Inonu was afraid of a revolt; *also that he* ~~and also~~ wanted to please the United States by holding

a free democratic election. Result - a political overturn in Turkey, with a new liberal regime taking power.

## EGYPT

There's trouble in the royal family of Egypt, dynastic disturbances which brought about astonishing developments today. King Farouk, sovereign of the Land of the Nile, seized his Mother's property, depriving Queen Mother Nazli of all her possessions. Moreover, he commanded his sister Fathia to leave her husband, and ~~break up~~ break up her marriage. Also - another royal sister, Faikah, is ordered to return home from the United States.

All this follows the marriage of the Princess Fathia in San Francisco - where she was wedded to a commoner, an Egyptian named Ghali, who is not only a commoner, but also - a Christian. That is, a member of the Coptic Christian Church in Egypt. Which is enough to make the Prophet Mohammed turn in his grave - a sister of a Moslem King marrying an unbeliever, a Christian!

The story, as told by royal proclamation in Cairo today, puts the blame on Queen Mother Nazli - who is visiting the United States at-present, with her daughter, nineteen

year old Fathia. The bridegroom Ghali is described as an official in the entourage of the Queen Mother - her political adviser. King Farouk describes him as a man of "bad record," who has <sup>"seized"</sup> ~~taken~~ the Queen Mother's money. The royal proclamation states that, when she left four years ago, Her Dowager Majesty took with her four-hundred-and-eighty-three thousand Egyptian pounds, an equivalent of a million and a half in American money. Of which Ghali, the political adviser, is said to have "seized" a-hundred-and-twenty-thousand dollars.

The Queen Mother encouraged the ~~San~~ San Francisco marriage of her ~~sixteen-year-old~~ daughter <sup>to</sup> ~~to the common Christian~~ Ghali - without the consent of the royal head of the family, King Farouk. Which was the second time that such a thing happened - the other sister Faikah having similarly married in the United States, without royal consent, espousing an Egyptian diplomat.

All of this was of such import in Egypt, that King Farouk took the formal step today of consulting with the

Crown Council - top members of the royal family, headed by Crown Prince Mohammed Ali. He gave them the official story, and asked for their decision - advice and counsel. Which they gave, and King Farouk promptly put it into force with a royal edict, ~~sternly~~. He deprives his Mother ~~and~~ of her property, orders one sister to break up her marriage, and tells the other to come home. Just how he can compel them to obey, is doubtful - as both Princesses, together with the Queen Mother, <sup>here</sup> are in the United States.

This formidable news was broken to Princess Fathia today, and she said she didn't care if she were stripped of her royal title and her property in Egypt. "I want," said she, "to be allowed to go my own way and become what I want to be - a simple housewife living with the man I love."

Simple sentiment, simply stated - but not likely to decrease the trouble in the royal family of Egypt. →

ADD EGYPT

Following all this -- the Cairo radio tonight states that angry King Farouk has taken from his sister, Fathia, the title of Princess, and reduced her to the rank of a commoner. So she is now plain Mrs. Ghalli. In San Francisco, her comment is "just what I wanted all along."

STAFFORD-CRIPPS

Long live Sir Stafford Cripps! Let's drink a toast,  
or even eat a ham sandwich, to that teetotaling vegetarian who,  
severe and abstemious, is like a picture of British austerity.  
sing - For  
We might even ~~say~~ he's a jolly good fellow.

Today's dispatch from London discloses an astonishing  
scene - when Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer,  
went to a party. At one table were distinguished ladies,  
including Princess Margaret, Mrs. Clement Attlee, wife of the  
Prime Minister, and Mrs. Dean Acheson, wife of the American  
Secretary of State. Waiters were about to serve the food and  
drink, but Sir Stafford waved those waiters aside, and took  
over - With a flourish, gayly serving the ladies himself. He placed before them  
plates of turkey and ham, uncorked the champagne, and poured it.  
Like Champagne Charlie himself.

~~Quite a lark, for that teetotaling vegetarian.~~

Then Sir Stafford himself sat down to his own supper -  
a plate of grated carrots and chopped apples, washed down with  
a glass of orange juice. For Sir Stafford is a vegetarian.

But - he's a jolly good fellow.



## NIAGARA

Our story last night about spectacular thrills at Niagara Falls, is repeated all over again tonight, though in a smaller way. Today they were trying to salvage the helicopter, which was wrficked in yesterday's rescue of a woman clinging to a rock, only two hundred yards from the brink of Niagara Falls. A construction engineer, Jerry Penquet, went in a boat attached to a rope, drifting down stream to the wreckage.

**P** He was trying to tie a rope to the broken helicopter, so they could pull it out. When, suddenly, churning water swamped the boat, and out he went - in danger of being swept down over the falls.

Same peril as yesterday - when two helicopter rescuers and the woman they saved, were in the water rushing toward the

**P** giant cataract. Today, the construction engineer saved himself

by grabbing the wreck of the helicopter, wedged against the

rocks - just as they saved themselves yesterday. <sup>His</sup> co-workers

on an island upstream pulled the boat in, emptied it - and

then, playing out the rope, sent the boat down stream to him.

Much the same as in the rescue of the three yesterday - and the result was ~~much~~ the same today. The engineer climbed into the boat, and was drawn to the safety of the island. History repeating itself - but if they keep on fooling around like that with Niagara, somebody is ~~gon~~ going to go swirling over these falls.

## HAT

If any of you folks are addicted, alas, to practical jokes - here's one to tickle your misdirected sense of humor.

*It comes via*

U.P. Correspondent Harman Nichols, <sup>from</sup> ~~picked it up~~ at the National Press Club in Washington - a story ~~told~~ about five government employees, who have a car pool. They use the same automobile, sharing expenses - and see a lot of each other.

One of the five bought a new hat - a handsome green Homburg, which stood him eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents, including the initials in the sweat band. He was so proud he couldn't help talking about the new hat, showing off the green Homburg - until the other four were bored to distraction.

So they decided to fix him. They chipped in, and bought a headpiece just like it, initials in the band and all - only two sizes larger. Then they switched hats in the victim's locker, and you should have seen the poor sap's face, when he put on his green Homburg. Which slipped down over his ears - like slap-stick comedy. He didn't know what to make of it, but his initials were in the sweat band, and it was his hat.

So he thought - my head must be shrinking!

He got some tissue paper, made strips of padding, and shoved them under the hat band - to make the green Homburg fit.

The next day, the joksters made another switch, replacing the right hat in the locker, and switching the paper pads from the big one to the smaller one. This time, when the hat fancier put his green Homburg on, it stuck way on the top of his head - also like slap-stick comedy acts in vaudeville. He was going whacky now - his head must have expanded. He took out the stuffing from under the hat band, and the green Homburg was okay - looked fine.

For a week the four rogues kept switching the hats - one day the big one, and the next day the smaller one. Until finally - the victim failed to show up one day, and they found he had gone to a psychiatrist. Afraid he had gone out of his head - that head which expanded one day and contracted the next.

Yes, the psychiatrist cured the mental condition.

That is, the four joksters called off the switch, and left the

hat fancier with - the right green Homburg.

13 Nelson, ~~there is my hat~~ before you don your Homburg —