

STEEL

L.T.-Odds. Wed, Nov, 25-59.

Negotiations ~~is~~ between the steel companies and the union - to begin again early next week. Both sides, today, ^{were} summoned - by Federal Mediator Joseph Finnegan. Who will try and bring the companies and the union together for a settlement, ^{and} ~~which would~~ avert the possibility of the steel workers going on strike again, when the eighty-day period, under the Taft-Hartley injunction expires.

TAFT

In Washington, it's inevitable. Electioneering wiseacres - trying to find signs and omens in a ~~px~~ political paper made public today. A memorandum - written by the late Senator Taft, ~~Qx~~ Giving his explanation ^{of} why he lost the Republican nomination in Nineteen Fifty Two. General Eisenhower - winning it.

Is the Taft analysis a possible prophesy to what might occur next year? In the case - of Vice President Nixon and Governor Rockefeller?

On that previous occasion, Taft was away up in front to begin with. But, later, Eisenhower came along with a rush. Today Nixon is far ahead. So is it to be foreseen - that Rockefeller, late in the campaign may be swept into the nomination?

The question injects a good deal of interest into the explanation that Senator Taft gave, right after he lost out. He wrote that big New York financial interests backed

Eisenhower. So did most of the newspapers of the nation. That he said was what beat him - and not any mistakes of strategy at the G O P convention.

So today is there any possibility - of big New York financial interests backing Nelson Rockefeller? Also - *will the* ~~preponderance~~ *get most of the* ^{of} newspaper support? The political wiseacres in Washington are speculating on that.

Nixon backers are saying - that the parallel does not hold good; one of them remarking: "there is no national hero involved this time."

FINANCE

A tale of strange finance - in an investigation ordered by the New York State Attorney General, today. ^{Those} Eight savings and loan associations named - in charges connected with insurance taken out on funds. ^Q ~~One~~ hundred million dollars worth of mortgage-loan assets - insured.

Attorney General Lefkowitz declares - that the insurance was taken out with the International Guarantee and Insurance Company, which has its headquarters - in Tangiers, Morocco, where it has - a one-room office. Its assets - one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Yet one hundred million dollars was taken out -- with a peculiar firm like that.

A puzzle - in which we find the name of a California financier. Also - an insurance promotor, charged with fraud. Now a fugitive in Argentina.

PHILIPPINES

Congress - to look into charges about the State of Affairs for Americans in the Philippines. Allegations - brought forward by Congressman Phil Weaver of Nebraska, who has recently returned from a trip to the islands, ~~out there~~.

The Congressman tells of wholesale theft and looting of American property. American troops - having property stolen from them right and left. The Philippine government - making no move to stop the plundering of Americans. The Congressman charging - graft and corruption. *Weaver* ~~is~~ ~~He is~~ a member of a sub-committee on defense appropriations, and made a report to the chairman, *stating* that our State Department is doing nothing to check the abuses. Afraid - of offending the Philippine government. So Chairman George McMann declares - the sub-committee will investigate.

At the State Department a spokesman describes the charges as -- "completely untrue." Privately, the word is

that Congressman Weaver is exaggerating a well known problem in the Philippines. The problem -- of theft. Filipinos, as well as Americans - victims of swarms of thieves.

INDIA

Tough talk - by a statesman, who usually speaks gently.

Prime Minister Nehru - declaring that India will fight, if necessary, in the border dispute with Communist China.

Before the Parliament in New Delhi, Nehru ^{stated} ~~declared~~ that he did not think the trouble would lead on to war.

"But" he added, "if war is forced on us - we will fight with all our strength."

He was cheered - in a noisy session. While, outside ^{that}

^{impressive} ~~of the~~ Parliament building ^{in New Delhi} - hundreds of people demonstrated loudly for a stronger stand against the Chinese Reds.

ROYALTY

I don't like to encourage husbands - to gloat at the expense of wives. Although hubby may have reasons from time to time - to be irked by the little woman. ^{I hear it} ~~It~~ happens in the best regulated families, even royal families.

In London, the King and Queen of Sweden - on a visit of state. Scheduled - to go to the theater. Royalty - to be received with all proper ceremony.

So ^{tall} King Gustav and his Queen - arrived at the Haymarket Theatre, where they were greeted -with no ceremony at all. Nobody to receive them, no tickets for them.

Meanwhile at the Globe Theater the Red Carpet was out. A ^{there} ~~delegation~~ - waiting and waiting to welcome their Swedish Majesties, with all proper protocol.

So why the snafu? Well, the Queen took the King to the wrong theatre.

The mix-up - finally straightened out. King Gustav taking it patiently - like a veteran husband. - like a typical husband.

DICKENS

Another uproar - in staid old England. Concerning - Charles Dickens, the famous novelist, Devotees of Dickens - outraged by a new book, which alleges - a scandal in the life of their favorite author.

Biographer Felix Aylmer (pronounced Almer) bases the story he tells on one word. Which is found - in the diary of Charles Dickens. *And that* ~~the~~ document ^{is} in the New York public library.

Where, if you look at the ~~■~~ entry for April thirteenth, Eighteen Sixty Seven - you will find that one word. Arrival written with a capital A. What does it mean? What arrived?

The diary does not make that clear. But Felix Aylmer writes that he has fathomed the secret.

Having discovered - that, in the village of Slough (rhymes with cow) Dickens had a girl friend, an actress half his age, whom he visited under a false name, Charles Tregham. This went on for nine years, and Aylmer says it explains the

meaning of the word in the diary, "arrival". Signifying -
a blessed event.

The boy, he adds, grew up -- as Francis Charles Tregham.

So that's what draws a howl of protest -- from
devotees of Dickens.

MYSTERY

New York has a mystery - the puzzle of the four bottles of champagne. The finest vintage - the rarest that France produces.

They were on display - at the headquarters of a steamship company. The Holland American Line - which has a show window facing one of the busy streets of Manhattan. In the show window, as ^a travel advertisement - the four bottles of champagne.

Yesterday, the office manager happened to take a look. Shock and horror. The bottles were empty. The tin foil on the works had been removed and clumsily replaced. So - who got into the show window and drank the champagne?

The puzzle - frightfully embarrassing for the whole New York office of the Holland America Line. The show window was locked. ^{But} The key - ^{hung} ~~hanging~~ on the wall in the main office, where any employee had access to it.

So you can imagine the embarrassment of the steamship

line office, today. The numerous employees - looking at each other furtively. Suspecting - suspecting.

DETECTIVE

Over in Sweden - an amateur detective who
astonished people - with his talent for investigation.
In Stockholm, a whiz - at locating stolen automobiles.

I suppose he'd read a lot of detective stories,
deciding - he'd emulate Sherlock Holmes. A motor car
swiped - presto, he would find it. Running up a total
of - sixty.

So what was his secret? Well, he's been arrested.
He stole the automobiles - and then cleverly found them.
Elementary, my dear Watson!

Wanting to shine as an amateur sleuth, he did -
for a while - and now he'll spend a while in a cell.

May you all have a happy Thanksgiving - and

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