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So The Wisconsin returns are starting to roll in. As you have heard, the weather was fine in the Middle West today and that helped to bring out a huge vote in both Wisconsin and Nebraska - record-breaking numbers, for primaries going to the poles.

As for a clear idea of how the states went, we will have to wait until morning. What significance will there be? In Wisconsin, the scattered early Republican returns give Senator Taft an early lead. Taft battling against Stassen and Warren who are supporters of General Eisenhower. So it's still anyone's guess, in the Republican camp.

However, on the Democratic ballot in Wisconsin, Senator Kefauver is well out ahead - opposed only by those two stand-in candidates - representing nobody in particular.

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Senator Taft says he'll stay in the race, no matter what happens in Wisconsin. He's opposed by Stassen and Warren both making an all-out appeal to the supporters of General Eisenhower, whose name was not entered. The Senator says he expects to win twenty of the thirty Wisconsin delegates to the G.O.P. National Convention. But, no matter what the outcome is, he'll keep on battling for the Republican nomination.

There's one big difference between Wisconsin and Nebraska, both holding their primaries today. Write-in votes are not permitted in Wisconsin, but they are in Nebraska. So, in this latter state, there's a battle of write-ins between Taft and Eisenhower - neither of whom are on the ballot - Harold Stassen being the only Republican entry.

On the Democratic side, Senator Kefauver of Tennessee is in an interesting position. Until this past weekend, he was opposed by two stand-in candidates -

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representing President Truman. But now, with the President bowing out, for whom are they standing-in? It looks like clear sailing for Kefauver. But, in Nebraska, he's in a contest with Governor Kerr of Oklahoma.

EISENHOWER REPORT (Follow POLITICS - TAFT)

In Paris, General Eisenhower releases his report on the first year of NATO. But the Supreme Commander gives no hint of coming home soon, ~~never~~ ^{at} ~~mentions~~ the possibility of returning to this ~~country~~.

The report brings mixed feelings in Washington. Eisenhower supporters hail the General's statement as a "statesman-like approach" to world and domestic problems. But other Congressmen only endorse Eisenhower's views on foreign aid - refusing comment on any political implications that may be read in to the General's speech.

EX-PRESIDENTS

Congress is buzzing with ideas for making ex-presidents members of the Senate. Humphrey of Minnesota led off - by introducing a bill that would affect President Truman, former President Herbert Hoover, and all future ex-presidents. Giving them the lifetime rank of - "Senators -at-Large." They'd get the Senatorial salary of twenty-five thousand dollars a year and enjoy all privileges of the Upper House - except the right to vote. When Mr. Hoover was President he never took a cent of his salary. So it's unlikely he would accept pay for honorary status of Senator.

Similar measures are presented by other lawmakers, and Senator Monroney of Oklahoma says he may sponsor a constitutional amendment - to make ex-presidents members of the Senate, with full voting powers. The Constitution might have to be changed to permit that.

All of which ties in with many suggestion to

EX-PRESIDENTS

provide for ex-presidents, in a financial way - some in the past having been in meager circumstances after leaving the White House. Former President Hoover was a prosperous engineer - in fact the world's foremost mining engineer, the second volume of whose fascinating memoirs came out today.

Word from Washington is that President Truman has accumulated a modest fortune, a figure put at - about two hundred thousand dollars. Saved from the salary of one hundred thousand a year plus a tax-free expense account of fifty thousand a year. White House intimates say they don't expect Mr. Truman upon retiring, to accept any of the fancy business positions that are sure to be offered. The Truman financial position - making that unnecessary.

CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill speaks out on the question of a successor to General Eisenhower. In the House of Commons today Labor members asked the Prime Minister if he had been consulted about a new NATO commander.

"No Sir," replied Churchill; ^{and} then ^{he} added: "When you think of the Great American Army, and all they are doing to support the front in Europe, if they have the [†]slightest wish to have the command we certainly should support them."

(Churchill, who opposed the appointment of an American Admiral to command the Atlantic, now favors an American General to head NATO.)

STALIN

Stalin sends a telegram - to fifty American newspaper editors, publishers and radio ~~newspapers~~ ^{news editors.} This follows a request for a ~~personal~~ interview by the party, who have just returned from a trip to Europe. However, Stalin would not grant an interview; ~~instead~~ ^{he} answers four questions cabled to him from Rome by the newsmen.

Asked about a Meeting of the heads of the Great Powers, Uncle Joe seems favorable - says he thinks such a meeting might be "beneficial."

The Soviet Premier ~~states~~ states that he believes war is no closer today than it was three years ago. Stalin also ^(claims) ~~states~~ that "the time is now ripe for the Unification of Germany."

Finally he points out that peaceful co-existence is fully possible between the ^{*Iron curtain nations and the*} ~~East and West~~ ^{*Western Powers.*} ~~blocs.~~ (That is, given: "The mutual desire to cooperate, readiness to perform obligations which have been assumed, observance of the principle of equality and ~~non-interference~~")

{ non-interference in the internal affairs of other
states. " }

Such are the views of Stalin ^{as he expressed them in} ~~revealed in~~

his telegram to fifty American newsmen today.

In the truce talks, we agree to a Red proposal which would hand the problem of Russian membership in the neutral inspection committee to a higher level. Staff officers held their final meeting today, and tomorrow the issue goes to the joint sub-committee on policing an armistice.

KOREA - AIR

In Korean skies today the Sabre jets won their major air battle so far. Downing ten Migs for sure, three more possibles, and damaging ten other. In the swirling airfights, up and down Mig Alley, more than four hundred and fifty jet planes were in combat.

Today's record victory introduces a new jet ace—the eighth, Colonel Francis Gabreski of Battle Creek, Michigan.

ATOMIC

(They say - it was a new kind of atom bomb.) One -
that provided fireworks of a different sort, ^{that is} for spectators in
Nevada.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ At ^{observers} Mount Charleston today, ~~XXXXXX~~ were
on the look-out for the explosion, which had been announced -
^{the} ~~the~~ beginning ^{of a} new series of tests at Frenchman's Flat. So
here's what they saw: "There was a flash of medium intensity,"
says the news dispatch, "and then fingers of flame similar to
those given off by phosphorous bombs ~~XXXXXX~~ - speared
hundreds of feet into the sky." (Those fingers of flame, which
resembled gleaming rays of light, lasted from three to five
minutes. All - quite unlike the pictures of atomic blasts
heretofore.)

Then the fingers of flame were followed by the
familiar thing - the mushroom shaped cloud, which we associate
with atomic explosions. (^{in Nevada} The cloud/was nothing gigantic.
"It had a slender stalk and a small mushroom head," says the
dispatch. This is taken as obvious evidence that the weapon

tested today was of the "baby bomb" family. That is, ^atactical
weapon - such as might be used in battle.)

COLONEL'S LADY

A Senate Investigating Committee is interested in an Army matron whom they are calling - "the Colonel's Lady."

Reminding us of Kipling's - "The Colonel's Lady and Judy O'Grady."

This ~~is~~ has to do with scandals of inefficiency and squandering - in the construction of U.S. air bases in North Africa. Army engineers under fire - and the "Colonel's Lady" is the wife of Lieutenant Colonel Leonard ^(Haseman) ~~_____~~ of the Engineers.

Today's item tells of a construction worker, who did baby-sitting for the Colonel's Lady at his ~~own~~ regular pay. Which was time-and-a-half, since the baby-sitting was at night - overtime. The investigators are checking - on the supposition that ^{the} baby-sitting was at government expense.

Which follows testimony that the Colonel's Lady may have added a million dollars to the cost of air bases. Because - of her sense of residential exclusiveness. She objected to living within sixty-five feet of neighbors - so insistent about it, that a housing development at a North African base had to be re-designed. ~~_____~~

The Colonel's Lady, it seems, can be more expensive than Judy O'Grady.

IMPERIAL

In Tokyo today, the world famous Imperial Hotel reopened under Japanese management. For the first time since the Occupation, the Japanese might re-enter that ~~picturesque~~ ^{picturesque} oriental meeting place of travelers, newspapermen and fashionable Tokyo society.

The Imperial is a fabulous building, completely earthquake-proof, with a roof of green copper, built after the First World War by the famous American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. The hotel is built on a concrete platform - literally floats in a sea of mud.

At the time of its construction, there was violent criticism when Wright insisted on a huge ornamental pool outside the front of the building. But the architect was adamant, said he would pull out of the job unless the lake be included. The Japanese gave in.

Then on September First, Nineteen Twenty-Three, Tokyo was shattered by the worst earthquake in its history - half ~~the city~~ ^(the city) was in ruins, a hundred thousand people dead,

appalling fires sweeping through the streets. At the end, the Imperial Hotel stood undamaged. That pool, which had caused so much criticism, saved the day. The earthquake had cut off all water supplies, as Frank Lloyd Wright had foreseen.

With blazing buildings all around the Imperial, a bucket brigade was formed, and the fires prevented from reaching the hotel. Which today is back in Japanese hands again.

That's the hotel Harry K. Thaw, ^{- who shot architect Stanford White} visited some years after he was released from Mateawan. When he visited the Imperial, as he looked around, ^{Thaw} he said: "I shot the wrong architect!"

SUTTON

The conviction of Willie-the-Actor Sutton brings to an end a criminal trial - remarkable chiefly for the element of fear. This persisted right through the final summations of the attorneys - the prosecution reiterating its contention that one witness was frightened so badly, he reneged in identifying Sutton. Which, of course, went back to the murder of Arnold Schuster - the clothing salesman who brought about the arrest of Willie-the-Actor. But the jury was not intimidated, and brought in a verdict of guilty against both Sutton and his gunman partner, Thomas (Mad Dog) Kling. Guilty - of robbing a Queens County bank two years ago.

It merely adds thirty years added to the other prison sentences imposed previously, and these come to about one hundred years.

APRIL FOOL FOLLOW MYSTERY

Another London mystery - has been solved. This one - atomic. On a London street, a sheaf of documents was found, marked - Harwell Atomic Plant. To be burned after reading." Harwell is of course Britain's top secret - the great research center of British atomic science. The documents were pages covered with mathematical symbols, equations. So the supposition was, immediately - that these were atomic secrets, maybe dropped by some spy.

Scotland Yard was/put on the job in a hurry, the whole thing considered so important that an announcement was made in the House of Commons by the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Pfyfe. He said - April Fool! An examination of the mysterious mathematics showed it to be the work of some prankster/~~prankster~~ who had a rudimentary notion of what atomic symbols look like. Some school boy, probably. ^{Nelson - an atomic} ~~the~~ joke on ^{this} April Fool's Day.