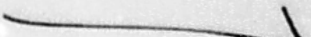


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(At this moment a conference may still be continuing at a point between the battle lines in Korea -- American officers talking with representatives of the Reds. The meeting was called by the Communists, and one supposition is that their purpose ~~is~~ may be to accept General Ridgway's latest proposal.) He suggested a palaver between liaison officers to discuss conditions for resuming the truce talks. On the other hand, the Reds have made still another charge of neutrality violation.

Anyway, the conference began with an air of mystery -- the U N command refusing to let even one newsman accompany the delegation. 

~~The fighting today, etc.~~

In the fighting, today, there was a shift of east and West - when strong U N forces hurled a blow near Chorwon, just above the Iron Triangle. The attack made swift gains, and a commanding hill was captured. But, from there on, the going was harder, an assault on another hill - repelled.

Over in the East, the battle has died down -- the Marines there having made the deepest penetration in North Korea this year.

BERLIN

At Berlin, the "creeping blockade" creeps on a bit more. The Soviets, we hear, are ~~XXXXXX~~ preparing to close ten of the twelve highways connecting the western sectors with the allied zones of occupation. This comes as the latest in a series of traffic restrictions, which some believe to be a gradual return to the tie-up three years ago - when the famous airlift had to be used to circumvent the Red stranglehold.

~~The ten highways to be closed are secondary. And do not include the two main roads, not, for example the autobahn from Berlin to Helmsted. As long as the two chief arteries remain open, there is no real blockade. But the fear is that the Soviets may be moving toward another attempt to force the west out of the German capital. Anyway, the "creeping blockade" is considered a Communist reply to plans for a ~~XXXXXX~~ rearmament of western Germany.~~

GERMANY

In Western Germany, (Chancellor Adenauer today gave his first official reaction to the peace agreement drafted by the Foreign Ministers of the Big Three last week. He supports it, but calls for western Germany to be taken in - "as an equal co-partner.") At the same time he rejected the Communist proposals for a unification of East and West Germany.

He blasted Soviet Russia, speaking of - "Communism in its Asiatic form, with all its horrors." But, ~~sitting~~ along this line there's a mystery. The Adenauer statement was to have been broadcast last night, but was postponed for what were called "technical reasons." Then, when the Chancellor went on the air today, it was noted that his address had been toned down a good deal - as compared with the original text, given to newsmen yesterday. That original text had included much stronger language, denouncing the Soviets. At the last minute, a good deal of vitriol was eliminated - for which there is no explanation.

IRAN

The Tehōran government makes all the gestures of going through with that Iranian-Soviet barter arrangement - about which we heard last night. The word is that negotiations will begin tomorrow - Iran to make a ^{in an attempt} deal to fill the gap caused by the oil dispute with Great Britain. Goods from Soviet Russia, in ~~xxx~~ exchange for oil. Such, at least, is what Iranians are saying.

Meanwhile, Tehōran talks about a pro-British plot against the government of Premier Mohammed Mossadegh. A number of arrests were made today - one ~~fix~~ prisoner said to be General Mohammed ~~Eight~~ Baghdi, former chief of police. The plotters are called "pro-British Iranians" who stand in opposition to the oil policy which, they believe will involve their country in economic ruin.

SUB ITALY

In Italy a general strike of government workers is on - having begun several hours ago. Called by both Communist and non-Communist unions, it is a twenty-four hour walkout -- to enforce a wage increase. In Italy, railroads, telegraph and telephones are operated by the government, the walkout by one million and a half workers ties up communications badly. Rough on the hosts of tourists who may have to travel, but the Italian government is trying to take care of them by mobilizing fleets of busses - with Army trucks to transport the perishable footstuffs.

RESIGNATION

The Air Force is asked - why is a thirty-eight year old Brigadier General permitted to resign? The inquiry comes from Congressman Norblad of Oregon, and the officer referred to is Brigadier General Horace Shepard, Air Force procurement director. He's quitting, after seventeen years of service - to take a civilian job with a firm building parts ~~in~~ for jet ~~in~~ engines.

The congressman observes that various high ranking officers, of mere middle age, have been resigning in this period of national emergency - and he has introduced a bill to make them stay in ~~in~~ until they are sixty-two. So now, he wants to know about the thirty-eight year old General stepping out - when so many civilians are being called into the armed forces.

VETO

The eighty-second Congress has, for the first time, rejected a presidential veto. Today, the Senate voted overwhelmingly to enact a bill granting pensions of a-hundred-and-twenty dollars a month *to certain classes of* ~~to~~ veterans disabled in civil life. Which applies not to war injuries, but to disabilities after getting out of service.

President Truman said it would discriminate between veterans and non-veterans, and in the long run, would cost the tax-payers four hundred ~~million~~ billion dollars a year. Sounds like a lot. But today, the Senate voted - overriding the veto. The House did the same last month; - ~~and~~ ^{so} the vetoed bill becomes a law.

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Now let's join the birthday party. Everybody and everything connected with news, is helping to celebrate the Hundredth anniversary of -- "the Grey Lady." She's grey, because she never goes in for spectacular splashes of color. She's a lady, because she keeps her skirts clear of scandal and ~~gossip~~ gossipy sensation. In other words, The New York Times.

One hundred years ago today, the Times made its first appearance, and struck the keynote right away. Its founder, Henry Jarvis Raymond, announced an editorial policy that would, in his words -- "seek to allay, rather than excite, agitation." The Times would use - "reason and cool judgment." The grey lady! - right off the bat.

One angle of the birthday celebration is a fat, sturdy book - "the Story of the New York Times" by Meyer Berger, in which it is amusing to find another illustration of grey sedateness and ladylike ~~XXXX~~ propriety. When the legendary Adolph Ochs took over the paper, he staged a contest for a slogan

to express the respectability of the Times as a morning paper. They printed one that read: "It will not soil the breakfast linen." What could be more refined?

The winning slogan was: "All the world's news, but not a school for scandal!" But the editors preferred one that they themselves devised; that familiar line: "All the news that's fit to print."

Well, she may be grey, and she may be a lady - but she's still going strong - and virtuous.

POLICE TRIAL

at The Brooklyn police trial, ~~went into another strange twist today - when Harry Gross, right in the middle of giving testimony, refused to answer further questions. This - after ~~him~~ being scared out of his wits. A big map fell down, with a loud bang. Harry Gross jumped, startled. Then - shut up.~~

The proceedings today ^{included some} ~~were~~ three hours of dramatic tension. Harry Gross took the stand, a nervous frightened witness. There had ^d been threats against himself, his wife and children. He fled - was found at Atlantic City, playing the races.

Today, he was confronted by the eighteen policemen, ^(charged) ~~charging~~ with having taken huge bribes to protect gambling. Harry Gross was asked if he knew them - and said he did. One by one, the policemen on trial were pointed out to him - and he named them, mostly by familiar first names.

ADD TO GROSS

But when he came to the one with the highest rank, he was more formal and said - "Inspector Flynn." This was retired Inspector John E. Flynn, on trial with the others. As he named them, each of the accused gave him a cold stare - not calculated to steady his nerves.

Then, Harry Gross, questioned by an Assistant District Attorney, proceeded to tell his story - relating his rise from the lowly station of a bookmaker's messenger to the rank of a gambling magnate, ~~XXXXXX~~ running a string ~~of~~ horse ~~XXXXXX~~ parlors, taking in twenty million dollars a year, and paying a million a year to the cops. This was a lengthy ~~an~~ narration, and Gross answered the questions readily enough - until he was being asked about names of ~~XXXXXX~~ policemen he fixed.

At his elbow, on an easel, was a large map of Brooklyn - for pointing out the location of gambling parlors. Something happened, and the whole thing fell over - the map hitting the floor with a

crash. Maybe, to Harry Gross it sounded like - a shot. Anyway, he shuddered. Then, as the next question came up, he stepped from the stand, and announced: "I refuse to answer any more questions - now or any more."

Presiding Judge Samuel Liebowitz immediately called a recess. Later Gross told the Judge: "I would like to ask for a recess until tomorrow. I have an upset ~~stomach~~ stomach."

Proceedings were called off until ten o'clock tomorrow - so the witness can get ^{over} his upset stomach. And - maybe recover his nerve, and go on testifying against the eighteen policemen.

THEFT

New York tonight had a sixty thousand dollar jewel theft, so bold -- it was like a farce. It happened in the lobby of the Waldorf ~~xxxxxx~~ Astoria where throngs of people could see it - and those throngs included scores of lawyers going to the meeting of the American Bar Association - attended by four thousand lawyers.

Countless eyes could see the jewelry being taken -- five emerald and diamond rings, an emerald and diamond clip, an emerald and diamond vanity case, and a lady's ~~xxx~~ lapel watch ~~xxxxxxx~~ decorated with emeralds and diamonds. But the New York habit is - mind your own business. So nobody paid any attention.

The treasure was in a showcase, a jewelers display. The thief simply squeezed in behind the showcase, broke a lock and opened a sliding door. At the back of the showcase was a grey curtain, and the crook just reached in through that backdrop -- and fished out the jewelry of emeralds and diamonds.

So that's what the people in the crowded lobby of the Waldorf saw -- just a hand reaching in and seizing the wealth of emeralds and diamonds. They paid no attention thinking it was all part of the regular procedure. A deluded crowd -- including all those lawyers.

WEATHER

Its an old American pas^stime to squawk about the weather man:- how often he's wrong! So that much harried individual has been doing something to defend himself. Having a check made, ^m/_λ how often he's wrong, how often he's right.

In Washington, the weather Bureau enlisted nearly three-hundred-and-fifty observers in eighteen states, to report on the correctness of the forecasts. Nearly a thousand reports were turned in, and they show the weather man to be eighty-eight-and-four-tenths percent correct.

The highest accuracy was in Florida - ninety-four percent. The lowest, Alabama - eighty-one and nine-tenths percent. Tonight the Weather Man says proudly, he's almost as right as Ivory, which is ninety-nine-and-forty-four one hundredths percent pure.

GYPSIES

Today brings an explanation of a riot they had at Long Branch, New Jersey, ~~last night~~ - a battle of gypsies. Forty members of the tribes of Romany slugged it out; - and its all a tale of gypsy romance.

The woman is Edna Zero - who is no mere cipher. She belongs to a tribe at Long Branch, and her father sold her to a bridegroom in Philadelphia. Price - seventeen hundred dollars. Not a bad figure for a bride! It was all according to gypsy custom, and Edna Zero did not object.

What irked her was that, in Philadelphia, her husband's tribe put her to the usual gypsy business of - telling fortunes. Edna Zero didn't like it. Modern minded, maybe - not content with a life of palmistry and the fortune telling ~~XXXX~~ cards. She got up and left - and went back to her father at Long Branch. Which was not according to Gypsy law.

The tribe in Philadelphia demanded the return of Edna Zero - but there was one other thing. Of ~~the~~ price of seventeen hundred dollars, ~~only~~

twelve hundred had been paid - five hundred still due.

Lots of ~~xx~~ reason for gypsy dispute - a bride refusing to tell fortunes, plus financial complications. Anyway, gypsies from Philadelphia went down to Long ~~xx~~ Branch to get Edna Zero, and take her back to her husband's tribe. That was how the fight began, 40 gypsies in a wild battle.

CONFIDENCE MAN

The title for this next item could be --
"head and feet." The lady recognized him by his -
"egg shaped head." And she had -- "tired feet!"

At Norwalk, Connecticut, ^{some ladies - 3 of them -} claim they were
swindled out of thirteen hundred dollars. The fraud
had one merit at least - variety. They say ^{the} crook
promised - to read their minds. Also - cure their
tired feet. Mind reader and foot ~~fixer~~ fixer - what
could be more inclusive? But all was disillusion.
He never did read a mind, and the ladies kept on
saying: "My feet are killing me."

He was arrested in New York, where one of the
ladies, from Connecticut, recognized him on the
street. Mrs. Celesta Burns explains, "All of a sudden
I saw him. There was that egg shaped head."

^{Nelam,}
So, that's the story of head, and feet,
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