

The final count of the vote in yesterday's primaries gives us the expected in Florida -- Senator Russell of Georgia winning the popularity contest for President. But the unexpected is the size of the vote piled up by Senator Kefauver of Tennessee. Russell -- some three-hundred thousand. Kefauver, two-hundred-and-seventy thousand, This is closer than anybody imagined -- and, in fact, the lead changed eight times during the night -- as the returns poured in. Meaning quite an exhibition of political strength by the crime investigator - in the coon skin cap.

The Florida primary had nothing to do with delegates -- and it was just a political beauty contest. The delegates to the Democratic National Convention will be selected later at a Florida State convention. But, Kefauver did pick up delegates in Ohio --

into confusion. In some Ohio districts Kefauver did not have delegates on the ballot -- and, of course, Bulkley delegates were selected. Even so, for the whole state, Kefauver takes twenty-~~one~~^{seven} out of sixty-two. Also

He picked up a couple of delegates in Alabama -- his gains yesterday putting him at the head of the Democratic procession. Displacing Harriman, who has ninety-four-and-a-half. Chiefly a big block in New York, where Harriman ranks as the favorite son.

^{now the Democrats}
Kefauver leads with one-hundred-and-eleven-and-a-half.

On the Republican side, (Senator Taft scored a clean sweep, taking every one of the fifty-six Ohio delegates. He swamped Harold Stassen.) Which brings a reminder of Nineteen Forty-Eight -- when Stassen considered it something of a triumph when he was able to capture nine delegates in Taft's home state.

Yesterday, none.

^{again}
The result puts the Ohio Senator in front of General Eisenhower, in terms of delegates. A U P

tabulation ^{now} gives Taft ~~three-hundred~~ and-thirty.

Eisenhower -- ~~two-hundred~~ and-ninety-one. The total necessary to nominate in Chicago is six hundred and four. So Taft has passed the half way mark.

KOREA-TRUCE

(In the Korea truce talks, General Matthew Ridgway, retiring U N Commander, has issued what is called -- a final ultimatum. Our side will never force prisoners of war to return to Communism.) If the Reds do not end by conceding on that point -- the war will have to go on.

(This is confirmed by positive statements in Washington -- and in London, too. Where, today, the labor opposition joined the Churchill Government in supporting the U S on the prisoner of war issue. At the same time, we have a disclosure of what went on in the secret negotiations during recent weeks.)

There were agreements on two points out of three. Our side conceded on the Air Base issue -- saying the Reds would be permitted to construct north Korean flying fields during an armistice. The Communists, on their side, abandoned their demand -- that Soviet Russia be one of the "neutral" nations represented in the supervision of a truce.

Which, according to U N negotiators, was a point raised by the Reds merely for the purpose of bargaining. But, we agreed to accept the phoney concession -- as a compromise.

So those two disputes were out of the way -- about air fields and Soviet Russia. On the subject of prisoners of war, the Allied negotiators offered to let the Reds take a hand in questioning captives -- and satisfy themselves that about a hundred thousand are unwilling to return to Communism. But the Communist negotiators turned that down -- wouldn't take the opportunity to question prisoners.

(Today, American officers pointed out the twist of Red logic. The Communist big shots cannot admit that their own soldiers might be unwilling subjects of the Red regime. Actually, they know that ^{many} the prisoners do not want to go back. But, they have to pretend that this is an American falsehood. It's the one thing they won't let out in public.)

So that's the situation tonight, as General Ridgway issues an ultimatum -- we won't back down on the prisoner question. His last official act, as he goes to take over the international command in Europe, succeeding General Eisenhower. And -- as he turns over his post in Tokyo, to General Mark Clark, who arrived in the Japanese capital today. [General Clark taking over the direction of the Korean war and the truce talks, ^{he} begins by declaring: "The responsibilities for peace in Korea rests on the Communist leaders." ~~the~~ ~~present crisis, which seems like a hopeless deadlock does not mean necessarily that the negotiations will be~~ ~~broken off~~ ^{So} The prospect is that there will be still more of those meetings ~~or~~ which have been going on for nearly a year.

FOLLOW KOREA TRUCE

(Later in the day, President Truman gave his full support to the policy in Korea, declaring:

"We will not buy an armistice by turning over ~~the~~ human beings for slaughter or slavery".)

He repeats that this is the ~~the~~ point which has been reached - after all those months of negotiations.

GERM WAR

Here in California there is testimony concerning those alleged confessions of germ warfare in Korea. The Red radio playing tape recordings attributed to two American fliers, prisoners of war. One -- Lieutenant John Quinn, whose wife lives at Waltham, California. She says: "They have him where he wasn't." In the ~~xxx~~ alleged confession, Lieutenant Quinn is supposed to say that, before dropping germ bombs in North Korea, he and other fliers received instructions in bacteriological warfare, in Tokyo, last August. Mrs. Quinn says: "The only trouble with that is that the Communists overlook one thing. They apparently didn't know that in August, my husband was at Langley Field, Virginia." So she sums it up by saying: "They have him where he wasn't."

OIL

Here's local American news -- with a German dateline. At the city of Weisbaden, the U.S. Air Force announces that flying time and training time has been reduced -- cut to a minimum. Why? Well, that oil strike over here reaches all the way to U.S. air power on the other side of the Atlantic. They are slashing flying and training time to save gasoline. The walkout having caused a shortage of supplies going across ~~xxx~~ the Atlantic.

Which is an echo of such facts as -- bus service ~~xxx~~ curtailed in Detroit and Indianapolis. Signs displayed at filling stations -- "no gas". Thousands of motorists feeling the pinch³, especially in the middle-west and East. The strike of ninety thousand oil workers has cut production to the tune of ten million barrels of oil, five million barrels of gasoline. So what are the prospects for ending the strike? (Well, ~~xxxx~~ in Denver today, a spokesman ~~for the unions said that an answer would be given~~

FOLLOW OIL

The latest -- in Denver, Colorado the union ~~is~~ leaders tonight rejected the government plea to send ninety thousand strikers back to work. They lashed out at federal officials, for not getting the oil industry to take part in hearings in the dispute.


RAILROAD UNIONS

The railroad unions announce that they will go to court against the presidential seizure of the railroads -- following the example of steel. The railroads have been under government control for months -- averting a strike. Negotiations have been going on without a settlement -- the unions unable to call a walkout because of provisions of the railway labor act. So now they think they may have a chance to do what the steel industry did -- in that injunction issued by Judge David Pine which is now before the Supreme Court. The steel companies got an injunction against the President -- and the railway unions think they may do likewise.

INSTALLMENT BUYING

The federal authorities have removed controls from installment buying -- in such lines as ~~xx~~ automobiles, furniture, radios, household appliances. Credit restrictions have been on -- calling for down-payment of one third with eighteenⁿ months to pay the balance. But now that's lifted -- controls suspended for the time being.

Taking this action, the Federal Reserve Board explains that conditions have changed. As a result of the credit restrictions, there has been no rush to buy the merchandise. Supplies on hand are high, the public has been saving a large part of its income. Hence the credit controls are suspended.



FOLLOW INSTALLMENT BUYING

news

The news is greeted with enthusiasm by the automobile industry, which has been having a run of slow business lately. They think the lifting of ~~the~~ restrictions on credit buying will send customers to the automobile dealers.

ATOMIC

(I'm in Los Angeles tonight -- where at the dawn of day this morning, people saw the atomic flash on the Nevada desert.) More than four hundred ^{(miles} ~~xxxxxx~~ away! -- and the sky was cloudy! Observers describe the blaze of distant light as -- "a brilliantly blue illumination, resembling lightning." From the control tower of a local flying field, technicians saw the flash and say it lit up the sky "almost like day."

All this from four hundred miles away bears out the report of news men that the atomic illumination was the brightest ever, "in all the tests on the Nevada Desert. This was no public display. There weren't even any soldiers on the scene. News men stationed on Mt. Charleston, forty miles away, describe the flash as more brilliant than a desert sunrise. And the sun rising on the desert can be ^{(blinding} ~~xxxxxxxx~~ indeed.

From atomic headquarters we have only the word that the atomic device was exploded at the top

of a steel tower three hundred feet high. Also -
that people at a mine some twenty-five miles from the
blast area were moved out -- as a precautionary
measure. It might have been dangerous for them to ~~have~~
have been that near to the area of explosion. At
the previous ^{public} ~~test~~ test, two weeks ago, we newsmen
watched from a distance of ~~seven~~¹⁰ miles -- considered
completely safe. This time, twenty miles -- was
unsafe. Which ties in with statements from observers
that the atomic ~~test~~ spectacle was the most brilliant
thus far. They certainly must have tried out something
special.

BOY

Here's a classic for the book ^{the book} of dog and boy stories. Near Brazil, Indiana, a fourteen year old got in as weird perilous predicament as you can imagine. But he had along two coon-hound pups and an old shepherd dog. ~~and~~ Here's the story:-

Roger Kerr went coon-hunting, and his dogs treed a fine ring-tailed animal. Roger, not lacking in courage, thought he would catch the coon alive -- and climbed the tree -- which was a big one. On his way up, a limb broke and down he fell, plunging into a big hole -- where the trunk of the tree was rotten, and hollowed out. ^{There} He was down ~~there~~ in that hole, standing up -- wedged in such a way that he couldn't possibly get out. He shouted for help, but the only reply was -- the yelping of his three dogs at the foot of the tree.

Roger knew he couldn't depend much on his two coon-hounds -- they were too young, just pups. So he put his trust in the shepherd dog, the old fellow.

From that prison cell in the tree, he yelled:
"Go home, Shep, go home."

After which, he didn't hear Shep barking
any ~~xx~~ more -- only the yelping of the two pups --
which stayed there at the foot of the tree.

Night came -- and a thunder storm. Stuck
~~stuck~~ in the hollow trunk of the tree, Roger was
drenched. Down below, the two pups were terrified
by the lightning -- he could hear them squeeling.

But
They stuck it out.

Meanwhile, Shep was on his way home -- and,
when he arrived, Roger's older brother figured
something was wrong. The fourteen year not showing
up -- the old dog barking with excitement.

So the older brother started out, with Shep
leading the way, and they finally came to the tree
where the two coon-hound pups were still keeping their
vigil. Roger imprisoned inside -- shouting back when
he heard his brother's voice. He was wedged in so

firmly, it took a rescue party to get him out. His
life ^{miraculously saved -} ~~saved~~ -- in this champion ~~XXXX~~ episode of boy
and dogs.

DR. THOMAS

I've always made it a custom to end this program with something light, some sprightly bit of news -- funny, if possible. But tonight, I must break a habit of twenty years -- having received word of the death of my father, Dr. Harry G. Thomas -- who passed away at eighty-four, after a life of service to his fellow men, and of inspiration to those who knew him in this and many other lands. For he had moved around the world a great deal. ^π At first he was a young *teacher,* ^{than a} mid-western physician - who ^{finally} completed his studies in Vienna, ^{in those days} ~~then~~ a world center of medical learning. For many years he had what might be considered a singular medical practice -- in the Cripple Creek District, high up in the Rockies, in Colorado, ^π a mining surgeon at that famous gold camp of the Old West. ^π During the First World War, he served with both British and American forces in Europe -- as a military surgeon. Then - to Beirut, in Syria, where he was a member of the faculty of *The* American University, so renowned in the Near East. Finally back to America - to

complete a life in the science of medicine.

But what I remember most vividly is the way my father trained me, in ^{so} many things, in the days when we lived at ten thousand feet ^{near the summit of one of} those glorious mountains ~~in~~ just beyond Pikes Peak. His interests were wider than those of any man I ever knew;

literature, philosophy, geology, astronomy, music, ~~compar.~~ religion, ^{s)} government; - almost every subject under the sun. In his eighties having just retired from practice and some teaching at New York University, he was ~~sent~~ off to foreign lands again - still studying.

^{In fact he} had recently returned from Europe where he was observing and trying to figure out the latest political and social trends ^{-- especially} the spread of socialism and communism which he ~~had~~ saw as a deadly threat to us

here in America. ^{TP} He inspired me and taught me, and ^{— but of course not often enough —} as I so often told him, [^] he was entirely responsible for whatever I have ever done. All of which is much

on my mind tonight as I say farewell to a father and a teacher.

And send - u - + - m. initial from - from the Civ. Arch. in Pa.