

STEEL L.T.P.G. nec. Apr. 29-52. (Truckee)

The wires are buzzing with news of the court decision in steel. (This afternoon, Federal Judge David Pine found that ^{Presidential} seizure of the steel industry unconstitutional.) Judge Pine, heretofore a little known jurist, makes legal history -- with a drastic opinion. (He rejects the claim that the President has unlimited powers in an emergency.) ~~xxxxxx~~ "In my mind" says he, "this spells a form of government alien to our constitutional government of limited powers". He calls it -- a theory with which our government of laws and not of men is constantly at war.

Concerning the ~~seizure~~ seizure of steel, the Judge declares -- there is no express grant of power in the constitution authorizing the President to direct this seizure. There is no ^{grant} ~~grant~~ of power from which it ~~can~~ ^{can be} reasonably ~~be~~ implied. There is no ^e ~~en~~actment of Congress authorizing it". ~~■~~ Judge Pine submitted his opinion in writing and did not issue an actual injunction, ordering a return of the steel

mills to their owners. The latest -- an announcement that the injunction will be issued some time after tomorrow.

Administration lawyers are appealing immediately, to higher courts, to obtain a stay.)

Which
~~it~~ would delay the injunction. ~~If they~~
~~fail to obtain such a delay a steel strike would~~
~~soon to be a certainty.~~

FOLLOW STEEL

Union action was immediate. Murray, President of the steel workers, issued a strike order a half hour after the decision was announced and Chicago pickets appeared at a plant of U S steel there within minutes after Murray issued the strike order.

Assuming that the Union is as determined as it seems to be, a nationwide steel strike is on -- unless the government can get a delay of the injunction - get it immediately from the U S Court of Appeals or The Supreme Court.

ADD INFO ON STEEL

The National Production authority immediately
banned shipments of steel from warehouses to
manufacturers of civilian goods, and for export.

OIL STRIKE (Denver dateline)

Union leaders ^{are all set} ~~prepared~~ ^{some} to call ^{ninety}
thousand workers off their jobs at Twelve ^{noon} ~~on one~~

~~A.M.~~ Wednesday, in a nationwide strike against the

oil industry. ~~But exempted~~ California refineries ^{are}

~~not included~~ ~~locals from the walkout~~ because of their importance

to the defense effort.

JAPAN

Japan had a remarkable celebration today following yesterday's public rejoicing over the peace treaty, the restoration of Japanese independence. Today, following that, was the birthday of the Emperor Hirohito -- thereby combining two celebrations.

The one today was not an affair of singing, cheering crowds and a clanging of temple bells. It was ~~--- utter~~ ^{utter} ~~---~~ [^] silence. Throngs moved past the Imperial palace, hundreds of thousands carrying tiny red and white flags. They shuffled up to the Palace gate, and ^(there) ~~there~~ [^] bowed silently and went on.

At the height of this the crowd numbered one hundred and sixty thousand as estimated by the police -- who say that during the whole day, more than a million made that silent bow to the Emperor.

Hirohito himself did not appear -- still in mourning for the death of his mother last year. He remained within the palace -- as a million Japanese bowed at the ^{palace} gate.

SHIPWRECK

News from Japan tells of thrillers of shipwreck and rescue -- with a climax as fantastic as any you have ever heard in a sea story. A boat thrown right over a ship, as if it were a nautical game of leap-frog ~~was~~ in the stormy seas. The tale begins with another "stay-put" episode -- reminding us of "stay put Carlsen", the skipper who refused to leave his vessel in that epic of the Atlantic weeks ago.

This time there were two, ^{(skipper and} ~~the skipper and~~ the engineer. The American freighter William Eaton was wrecked off the island of Honshu. The crew got off safely, all except Captain Fred Solomon of Walnut Creek, California, and Engineer John Williamson of San Jose, California. Both of whom -- refused to abandon their ship.

The Navy tug Arikara went steaming to the scene and by now the freighter on the reef was breaking in two. So they decided to take off the Captain and the Engineer. The Navy tug sent over a

whale boat -- which reached the wreck, only to capsize under the ^{hammering} ~~battling~~ of the waves.

Its crew, five sailors, managed to scramble aboard the wreck, where they joined Captain ^S Solomon and Engineer Williamson.

Another whale boat put out across the boiling sea -- and was near the wreck when -- a huge breaker came rolling, and picked up the rescue craft. That mighty wave broke right over the wreck, carrying the whale boat with it -- for a leap frog, coming down on the other side.

Still right side up! -- and its crew simply turned back to the wreck again and made the rescue. That game of leap frog ^{at sea} is one for the book -- that old long book of sea stories, classics of the deep.

KOREA BUNDLES

News from the war front pictures the arrival of some fifty thousand pounds of clothing for Korea. This, as the result of a bundles-for-Korea drive.

The clothing is being distributed in war devastated villages -- by U.S. Army Chaplain Timothy Irons.

All this charity comes from one particular section of the United States -- and you can make a good guess from the fact that Timothy Irons is the only Mormon Chaplain serving with U.S. Forces in Korea.

The drive was launched by The Deseret News of Salt Lake City, ^{the 100 yr. old} ~~the~~ newspaper of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. The result was -- a deluge. Chaplain Irons is from Nephi, Utah -- which town, along, contributed ten thousand pounds of clothing. From the region of Great Salt Lake ^{came} a flood of charity for destitute villagers in Korea.

FRENCH PLANE

(The western powers are to make a stern protest over the shooting up of a French airliner by two Soviet jet planes today.

Two passengers wounded, one seriously)- and two members of the crew had their clothes ripped by bullets. The plane riddled by cannon and machine gun fire -- one wing having a hole a foot wide.

The airliner, with eleven passengers and a crew of six, was flying from Berlin to Frankfurt, over Soviet held territory. But -- within the neutral zone assigned for ^{such} airplane flights. Red forces are holding maneuvers in the neighborhood, and the belief is that the Russians will claim the plane was flying over a forbidden area.

Anyway, two Soviet jets made repeated passes, blazing away, a miracle the civilian plane was not shot down. But (the pilot was able to turn back and land safely at Berlin.)

RE FRENCH PLANE

The Russians have replied. Saying that the fighter planes were only trying to force the airliner to the ground because it had violated the air corridor from West Germany to Berlin. That the Communist plane fired only a warning shots.

However this is regarded
~~as a spokesman said the Russian charge.~~

as
~~was~~ a brazen and obvious attempt to justify an unwarranted attack.

PLANE - BRAZIL

A great airliner -- down in Eastern Brazil. A stratocruiser with fifty aboard -- bound from Rio to New York. There was a report that the plane had simply turned back, made an emergency landing in a remote section of Brazil. Nineteen on board are North Americans. One of the greatest of all air searches is being made tonight.

News dispatches have described the country in question as "semi-jungle;" but I am informed from New York that this is not accurate.

It is flat land - no mountains - with jungles fringing the rivers. There are three large rivers with great areas of sand bars. Pilots flying the route are instructed, in case of trouble, to head for the sand bars, good landing fields. Tonight the fleets of search planes are looking for signal fires such as a crew forced down might set.

MASS info

The voting is all over in the Massachusetts primary, ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~spite~~ ^{of} bad weather ~~so many~~ ^{a record number of} voters turned out. ~~out it may be the biggest primary in Massachusetts since Nineteen thirty two.~~ Only ~~inconclusive~~ ^{scattered} returns are in, ~~of the two hundred and one of the state's~~ ^{so far. The inconclusive figures} are: ~~seventeen hundred and thirty nine precincts~~ the figures are.

Eisenhower 11,129

Taft 4,803

all write-ins, ~~of course.~~

FLOODS

At Salt Lake City, Mayor Earle Glade, has declared a state of emergency, because of what he calls -- the worst natural disaster Salt Lake City has ever had. Ten/a cres of homes and factories -- under water, as much as five feet deep.

Far and wide in the mountain states, the story is -- deluge. The Snake River is at the highest flood level since Eighteen Ninety-Four. Bursting over its banks at the town of Weiser, Idaho.

~~The snow pack in the mountains is double its normal depth -- and, today the temperature in places, was as high as eighty degrees. Hot summer weather in the middle of spring -- and what a thaw -- the giant snowpacks turning into torrents of water.~~

~~The eastern slopes of the Rockies have already had their Missouri River flood. The Mississippi still remains a menace, threatening the town of Muscatine, Iowa, today, and moving on to Keokuk. The floods on the western sides of the mountains are not as great. But, the people are less prepared for~~

BIG STORM

Here in the High Sierras I've been hearing endless stories about this winter that is not yet over -- that is, the mountains all around us are still buried as deep with snow as they were a month ago. I wish I could stay here long enough to pick up all the yarns -- or most of the better ones. (Somebody ought to write a book about the great Sierra snows of the winter of Nineteen Fifty-two.) ~~Accurate~~ records in these parts go back to Eighteen Eighty, possibly Eighteen Seventy, and in all that time, there had been nothing like it. ^R Of course, (the whole world ~~has~~ heard the story of ~~The~~ Southern Pacific train that got snowed in up here, with more than two-hundred-and-sixty passengers and crew on board -- marooned for ⁵ days. One of the great ~~is~~ storm stories of our time.

Actually, the ^{is} ~~is~~ Donner Pass region, from which I am broadcasting, was completely snowed in for twenty-eight days -- the highways blocked ^{that long.} ~~for that long.~~

~~time~~

It was on Sunday, January ~~Thirteenth~~,
that the CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, the crack streamliner,
ran into huge drifts ^{fts} and a snow slide near the top
of Donner Pass, fifteen miles west of Norden, six
miles East of Emigrant Pass.

(Huge rotor snow plows tried to get through
to the train. Two of them tipped over, so fantastic
was the storm -- deep powder snow, winds up to a
hundred miles an hour. The engineer of one locomotive
was killed - and several others died.)

The nearest doctor was a young man here at
Truckee, L.D. Nelson, whose office ~~is~~ is in a part
of the railway station just a few yards outside my
window.

The passengers and crew of that train had
been marooned from Sunday until ~~xxxxxxx~~ Tuesday --
the third day before he and a small party were the
first to get to them. ^a Dog teams ^{was} ~~were~~ sent up from
Reno. ⁵⁰ The Doctor ~~and his companions~~ started out, ^{on the}
^{led,} pulled by the dogs, from Norden. But after a short

distance, the dogs foundered in the deep powder snow and would go no farther. Too tough even for a dog team.

A snow cat, a new type vehicle, developed in recent years in the Pacific Northwest, was sent up from Emigrant Gap - from the West - to meet the dog team and the doctor from the East. Dr. Nelson, on snow shoes, without the dogs, finally met the snow cat. When they reached the train, they found the people in fairly good shape, still a little heat left - also food. But they were down to beans and coffee. One of the doctor's companions, Jay Gold, had been up for three days and nights. However he insisted on helping with the rescue. And then he died from over exertion.

The story of the human side of life on that train during the five days and nights all those people were marooned in the snow, would provide great background material for a novel. For example there was one passenger who insisted on leaving the train immediately, said he would make his way

~~Immediately, said he would make his way~~ through the
 snows by the route the doctor had taken. But the
~~THE~~ doctor said that he as a representative of the
 Southern Pacific and ~~a~~ representative of ^{Supt.} Merle Jennings,
 who was in over-all charge of everything concerning
 the storm and the railroad, he was responsible for
 all who were on ~~the~~ board. And if the man wanted
 to go, he must first sign a piece of paper putting down
 his name and address so that when ~~the~~ they found him
 in the spring they would know who he was. Whereupon,
 the man gave up the idea and settled back in his
 Pullman seat.

The Southern Pacific people right here ⁱⁿ
 this Donner Pass area had successfully made their
 rescue and were evacuating the passengers when
 overwhelming help came from all over the west, --
 helicopters, planes, and so on. But the rescue had
 already been made.

~~On~~ ~~was~~ ~~last~~ night; as soon as I had gone
 off the air a man called me from Emerald Bay, on
 Lake Tahoe. He ~~was~~ had heard me mention the storm

and said he just wanted to tell me that he and his family had been marooned over there in the snows for seven months. There were just now digging their way out. He said he was at a place called the Castle. What a story he would have to tell! And there are hundreds of others from Merle Jennings of the Southern Pacific to ~~XXXX~~ truck drivers and forest rangers, each of whom could do a chapter in the book that ought to be written ~~is~~ on the High Sierras and the great snows of Nineteen Fifty ^{Two}.

And now Nelson —

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