

PLANE COLLISION L.T.P. & G. Fri. Jan. 11 - '52.

In the sky above the twin ports of Duluth, <sup>Minny</sup> and Superior, Wisconsin this afternoon - two Air Force fighters collided, and down they came. Both carried live ammunition - for a burst of blazing fireworks.

One was piloted by Captain David Winn of Minnesopolis; <sup>who</sup> ~~and he~~ rode ~~his~~ damaged plane down for a landing on the ice of Lake Michigan. The other ~~one~~ went to pieces in the air, and Captain Laudell Hames of Minneapolis - <sup>catapulted out, was saved</sup> ~~hit the silk, parachuting down,~~ <sup>by his parachute.</sup>

<sup>IT</sup> Fragments of the fighter fell all over Duluth. One of the wheels hit in the lot of a downtown motor company. The fuselage crashed in the yard of a family residence, and burst into flames. As it did, machine gun ammunition began to explode - hurling bullets in every direction.

Captain Hames, with his parachute, came down nearby. His head was cut, and he was bleeding. But he made a dash to the flaming fuselage, warning people away - shouting the danger of exploding ammunition.

The latest - Duluth and Superior are making a vigorous protest against Air battle ~~na~~ practice staged over a heavily populated area.

At the British port of Falmouth, today - Captain Carlsen said the right thing. The skipper of the Flying Enterprise had his ovation with a parade and a banquet, the streets of Falmouth jammed with crowds - in spite of sleet and rain.

The right words, the apt phrase, came - in connection with a flood of offers that Carlsen has received. Proposals for movies, public appearances, advertisement, everything. So today he ~~XXXXXXXX~~ was asked what he intends to do.

The skipper seemed surprised by the question, and answered "Why, I'll keep on going to sea."

A sailor's reply, much appreciated at Falmouth - that ancient haunt of seafaring men.

## FOLLOW SHIP

Talking to newsmen today, Captain Carlsen gave a dramatic account of his final minutes aboard the Flying Enterprise. He told of the real signal, the one that counted most - in persuading them to abandon ship. It was - "an exploding door."

The Captain and British mate Dancy were hanging on, the deck almost perpendicular. They had just been talking by radio with the skipper of the tug, TURMOIL -- about the possibility of being taken off by helicopter.

Then - bang. The door of the wheelhouse blew out, as if burst by an explosion. It had been fastened securely - like the hatches which were keeping sea water out of the ~~ft~~ foundering vessel. But, through the broken hold, water was pouring in - building up air pressure. So much pressure - that it blew out the door of the wheelhouse.

So that was the tell-tale sign - time to abandon ship. *The skipper knew it* would not be long before the Flying Enterprise would take her final plunge.

SHIP PACIFIC

The sea and air search in the North Pacific reports - no result. Plane and surface craft <sup>still</sup> ~~are~~ looking for the crew that had to abandon the American Freighter Pennsylvania. Wrecked in a storm! No sign of <sup>the</sup> four lifeboats with <sup>the</sup> forty-six <sup>men,</sup> Nor any sign of the wrecked ship, or any debris on the ocean. The belief is that the position of the vessel, when last reported, must have been in error.

## CHURCHILL

The state of British-Canadian relations is indicated by the fact that Winston Churchill is in Canada <sup>^</sup> for no particular purpose. Today the Prime Minister got a huge ovation at Ottawa, and newsmen asked - what was the ~~agenda~~ <sup>agenda</sup> official for discussions: The reply was - "no agenda at all."

"This means," explained government Minister Lester <sup>"Mike"</sup> Pearsons, "that there are no big outstanding problems between our two countries. ~~There are~~ <sup>No</sup> British-Canadian questions that require formal notice for discussion. It means," he added, "we may talk about anything and everything."

So relations must be harmonious indeed, when the Chiefs of two governments have nothing in particular to talk about - just anything and everything.

## BRITAIN

From Washington, a report that Britain will get three hundred million dollars - from the United States. The money to be handed over shortly after Prime Minister Winston Churchill returns home.

This will come out of a fund voted by Congress last year - seven billion and four hundred million dollars for foreign aid. None of it was allocated for the British - they having been taken off the Marshall Plan list a year ago.

(Congress, however, in appropriating the huge sum, provided that President Truman can use up to ten percent as he may see fit, *-- for nations that need it badly, in aiding needy nations*)  
So ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> three hundred million would come out of the ten percent.)

Britain, however, needs more. So what about the address the Prime Minister will make before Congress next Thursday?

Word is that Churchill was warned, in advance, that any mention of dollars might have political repercussions - over here - this being a presidential

year. Today Congressman Richards of South Carolina, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee said: "A lot of questions will be raised"; If Churchill, addressing Congress, proposes more financial aid for Britain.

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INDO CHINA

There's a conference on in Washington - top secret. The meeting began today - ~~at~~ the Pentagon, ~~Building~~. But strictly - without publicity. Usually, news reporters are allowed to attend opening sessions, -- but nothing doing today.

~~was~~The top secret meeting is French, British, and American. Subject - Indo-China. The report is that High French officials have come to Washington to ask the United States for military aid in the stubborn war the French have been waging against the Reds out there. The Washington word is that our American command has little eagerness for any such adventure - Korea being enough.

In Paris, they're saying that, if American military help is not forthcoming, France may propose a deal with the Chinese Reds - who of course, are back of the Indo-Chinese guerrillas.

Paris may demand a bargain whereby Red China will be recognized all around, and given a seat in the United Nations - in return for peace in Indo-China.

## KOREA TRUCE

From Korea, verbal optimism about the truce negotiations -- verbal and not much else.

Today the talks were deadlocked as tightly as ever - on the two problems of Red air fields during the truce and exchange of prisoners. But General ~~M~~ Nuckols, the U N spokesman said:

"Previous deadlocks, at the time seemed just as insurmountable as the current one, and they have been resolved. We are going to keep on trying."

Optimism- but it seems entirely verbal.

In the war, another series of air battles today - with four enemy jet planes destroyed. No report of losses on our side - as the Communist M I G's came further south than ever before, almost to the battlefront, near the Thirty-Eighth Parallel.

"They are becoming more aggressive," said an officer of the Fifth Air Force today. "They are certainly becoming more skilled. Our pilots are not having a picnic up there."

Today the American planes were outnumbered,  
as usual - but the pilots shot down four MIG's.

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## MEDALS

Washington states that a father of two sons killed in Korea has refused to accept decorations awarded to them. One - the Congressional Medal of Honor. The father is Halsey McGovern - formerly an examiner for the R.F.C. His elder son, Lieutenant Robert McGovern, was awarded the nation's highest honor for what the citation calls "incredible valor." The younger, Lieutenant Jerome McGovern led a paratroop invasion behind enemy lines - earning a Silver Star.

According to custom, the posthumous decorations would be given to the father, but he has refused. His reason is not stated. But one report says its because the medals are "conferred by President Truman."

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

In New Hampshire, today, filing began for the Primary on March eleventh - and a full slate was entered for General Eisenhower. Also - one backer for General Douglas MacArthur.

The word in Washington is that Senator Taft is not likely to go into the New Hampshire Primary - where Eisenhower is reported to be strong. So it looks as if General Ike will have an easy time in the first primary test of candidates.

## FORGERY

Indianapolis police have broken up a forgery gang - with a strange sort of mastermind. The mob of crooks has been operating in fourteen states in the Middle West, obtaining over one hundred thousand dollars - all under the hard-boiled command of a mastermind in a hospital.)

↳ A tubercular patient - who directed criminal operations from the sunnyside Sanatorium outside Indianapolis. There he was held in high esteem - was editor of the hospital newspaper. But all the while, under cover, the patient in the sanitarium for the tubercular - was directing the nefarious doings of his forgery gang.

## DOG

Here's one to add to courtroom stories - in which an attorney clinches his case by putting a surprise witness on the stand.

At Salida, Colorado, a dog was on trial - a German shepherd accused of killing another dog in a fight. There wasn't any question of the facts, but merely of interpretation.

Attorney for the defense, Donald Myers, put on his act in the courtroom drama - by summoning chief of police Harry Cable to the witness stand. Whereupon the question and answer went like this:

"Have you a dog?" asked the lawyer. *The Police Chief's dog had nothing direct to do with this affair.*  
"Yes," replied the Chief of Police.

"Does your dog have a license around his neck?"

"No, he has a sore neck."

"And why is his neck sore?" demanded the Attorney for the defense.

"He was in a dog fight," replied the Chief of Police.

After which Police Magistrate F. J. Murray



ruled in the following words: "It is in the nature of dogs  
to fight other dogs, and to chase cats," said His Honor,  
the Colorado Salida Solomon -- case dismissed.

## HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood's latest rumpus happened in a movie show, where film star James Mason was in the audience. Somebody was talking. "I didn't know who it was," Mason declares. "I just knew this guy a few rows ahead of me was talking so loud I could not hear the dialogue. Finally I couldn't stand it anymore. I got out of my seat," continues Mason, "and walked down to where he was sitting and said: "Shut up, will you, I can't hear the movie." Then I slapped him.

Drastic, to say the least. Most of us have been annoyed by people talking in a movie, but never dreamed of -- slapping anybody.

Mason goes on to say that only then did he recognize the one he had slapped. William Saroyan, author and playwright -- who has had his own fling of renown. Mason said: "Oh, hello Bill, shut up, will you." Well what else could you say to an acquaintance whom you have just slapped.

Saroyan got up and left the movie - and today was mum and silent. He said: "It's Mr. Mason's story. Let him tell it his way."

Hollywood's latest, Nelson, the trouble between the actor and the author.