

STEEL

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12 Negotiations in the steel strike ^{are} at a point of collapse; Following a blast - from union President MacDonald, / who, is in Pittsburgh today, ~~said he~~ ^{said he} "I am sick of that show in New York."

The Union President insisted - that the company negotiators have not ~~any~~ budged an inch from the stand they've taken all along. In fact, he declared that the spokesmen for steel have no authority to do anything.

Meanwhile, the twenty-seven day strike has caused a loss of more than eight hundred million dollars. Although we hear that the walkout, so far, - has had little effect on the national economy. Manufacturers using steel - having built up a heavy inventory before the strike. The ~~auto~~ automobile industry, for example, says it has enough steel to last through November.

RAYBURN

On radio, tonight, Speaker Sam Rayburn. Opposing -- the labor bill advocated by President Eisenhower. The Speaker of the House - calling for the milder form of legislation. To curb union abuses.

CUBA

Havana reports - an assassination attempt against Raul Castro. Younger brother of the revolutionary chief - Fidel Castro. The Cuban Army commanded by ~~Raf~~ Raul Castro.

He went to a wedding. An officer in the rebel army, a friend of his - getting married. The ceremony - in the Church of La Merced. |

^ Raul Castro - standing in the church with other wedding guests. When a man drew close to him drawing - a pistol. But, before he could pull the trigger, the would be assassin was jumped by Castro guards, who dragged him - out of the church.

The marriage ceremony - continuing. With Raul Castro - attending the wedding celebration afterward.

The identity of the man with the gun ~~was~~ not given. No hint - of whether he is a member of some anti-Castro organization. Or, ~~was~~ animated by some individual motive.

This was ~~maxx~~ only one incident in a series of anti-Castro activities over the weekend. The Havana home of Fidel Castro - raked with bullets. Somebody in an automobile doing the shooting.

Wholesale arrests of Cuban army soldiers - reported.

More than a thousand - accused of plotting against the Castro regime.

Reported landings - of anti-Castro rebels on the coast. One story ~~has~~ being - that Fidel Castro, himself, led ^a government ~~in~~ forces ^{that} ~~which~~ defeated the invaders.

Cuba having, what Cuba has often known - a lot of trouble.

FORMOSA

Formosa, today, was recovering - from the worst floods in Formosan history. Hundreds of lives lost - tens of thousands homeless. Following inundations - in the rice fields area of the center of the island.

The floods - a by-product of ~~typhoon~~ typhoon Ellen. The howling winds of which - caused little havoc on the island. But the typhoon brought a deluge of rain;- and inundations followed.

(Nationalist President Chiang Kai-Shek has ordered all his ~~army~~ troops - to the rescue job. The soldiers - also to help in repairing millions of dollars' worth of damage. Washed out railroads, highways - and bridges.)

HOOVER

Today, former President Herbert Hoover - was at his desk in New York. Celebrating his eighty-fifth birthday - hard at work. You might think - he would perhaps, take the day off. But he explained to ~~the news~~ reporters - why not.

The former President ^{is} engaged in writing a three volume work. To be called - "The American epic". Giving an account of how the American people, in the last forty-five years, saved the lives of one billion, four hundred million human beings - all over the world. By donating - food, clothing, medical aid.

"It's a documented account" says Herbert Hoover, "and there are in our great libraries - more than three million, five hundred thousand documents in ~~nigh~~ forty different languages bearing on the subject."

He says all these have to be read and checked - ^{you would} and I suppose it would require a few centuries for him to do that. But he adds that he has numerous assistants - old-time colleagues, staff workers, and other people too.

"They," he says, "have eliminated three million - of the documents. "The other five hundred thousand," he adds, "have been my homework for the last five years."

So now we can understand why the former President spent his eighty-fifth birthday - working. And why tributes to him are coming in from all over the world. This globe about which he knows so much!

One of the great statesmen of our era - a man who probably has been instrumental in saving more human lives than any man who ever lived. And he's still going strong at(85) eighty-five.

in that period.

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BRIDGE

At the Rock Island bridge across the Mississippi River - thirteen toll ^{takers} ~~takers~~ have been suspended from their jobs; charged - with running a racket; Pocketing - ~~the~~ tolls paid by ~~the~~ vehicles, crossing the bridge.

Rock Island authorities declare - that the pilfering has been going on ever since the bridge ~~was~~ was opened, nineteen years ago. The total of stolen dimes and quarters - coming to, perhaps, as much as three quarters of a million dollars. There's an automatic device - for counting the cars entering the bridge. But the larcenous toll-takers simply turned that off - maybe for fifteen minutes, maybe for an hour, at a time. Appropriating - all the tolls collected in that period.

Or they'd ring up a dime, the fee for ordinary passenger cars - when they collected thirty-five cents for trucks and buses. Or they'd record ordinary autos - as belonging to city officials, who had passes to cross ~~the~~ and pay nothing.

Some of those ingenious toll takers - mooching as much as forty dollars a day.

PARIS

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In Paris, today, officials of the American Express declared - they have no idea of how a cashier ~~is~~ in their employ could have embezzled a million dollars. But the French police insist - it's true. And say - they have a confession from the cashier, Martin Allen of Philadelphia.

The story begins with an Italian gambler, Renato Grassi - ~~was~~ well known in Monte Carlo as a big money plunger at the ^{gaming} ~~gambling~~ table. Grassi, in Paris - making the ~~an~~ acquaintance of Allen. A trusted employee - of the American Express for seven years. The cashier - well known to American tourists for his courtesy and friendliness.

They say that Grassi convinced Allen that he had a "system" for winning at gambling, - same old story. Grassi - virtually "hypnotizing" Allen with his infallible "system".

So the cashier financed the gambler - with ~~his~~ company money. Transferred - to Swiss banks. For a total - of five hundred million ~~and~~ francs. Something like - a million dollars - all going into a Monte Carlo gambling spree. And then - just back from N.E.

QUEEN

In London, suggestions for the name of the new Prince or Princess; When - the royal baby arrives. But the names are nothing commonplace - such as might be suggested by the swanks ~~or~~ of Mayfair or the cockneys from the neighborhood of Bow Bells.

Today, the Prime Minister of Ghana arrived in London - Kwama Nkrumah. Who promptly pointed out - that Queen Elizabeth had to cancel her visit to that African land of Ghana. So wouldn't it be appropriate - if the Prince or Princess were given a name in the language of Ghana? Like What, for example?

Well, if it's a boy, he could be Prince Kwama Ghana. If ~~it's~~ a girl - Princess Amma Ghana.

I don't know if Her Majesty will take the hint. But, I'll bet the royal ~~infant~~ infant will be baptised - George or Mary. Edward - or Elizabeth.