

STEEL

L.J. - P. & G. Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1949.

Republic Steel comes to terms with the union. ~~That~~  
~~was~~<sup>So</sup> announced late today, following earlier word that Jones  
and Laughlin, another big steel producer, had accepted what  
is called - the Bethlehem formula. Which provides pensions  
of one hundred dollars a month for steel workers. So we  
seem to be approaching the end of the thirty-nine day old  
~~strike~~ strike - workers going back to their jobs with  
concerns that produce about a third of the nation's output  
of steel.

In the coal strike, the Companies and the Union are  
called to a conference in Washington by Federal Mediator  
Cyrus Ching - the government getting busy to end that  
walkout.

## ELECTION

This being election day, let's have a report on the voting in the west. (~~Starting with the west~~  
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~~followed by the rest of the country~~).

Well, Kentucky may not be so far out toward the setting sun, but returns from Louisville gave President Truman a chance to give a cheer tonight -- as he attended a dinner of the National Women's Democratic Clubs in Washington. As guest of honor, he ~~dr~~apped for attention about half way through the dinner, and announced, "It looks pretty good for the Democrats." Whereupon he gave the first conclusive returns he had, showing that Mayor ~~Charles~~ P. Farnsley, Democratic candidate for Mayor of Louisville had been elected by a majority of twenty thousand.

~~(The further west we go, of course, the later is the disclosure of the figures -- time and geography being like that. But we can say that the weather situation in~~

## ELECTION -2

East prevailed pretty generally over the country -- and, if we don't know anything about the ~~winner~~<sup>winner</sup> in many places, we do know that the election itself had a winning day. The weatherman did everything to favor the voters -- with mild breezes and bright skies, like summer. So people thronged to the polls, record-breaking crowds out.)

~~Actually, of course,~~ The most important election of all was in the East, New York -- the Dulles-Lehman duel for the Senate. The early reports put Lehman in the lead, and he stayed in the lead. The trend was so pronounced that a couple of hours ago the New York Times' conceded the election to Herbert Lehman to the U.S. Senate -- also a triumph for Mayor O'Dwyer, running for re-election.



## ELECTION

The latest shows a defeat in New York for the convicted negro communist leader Benjamin Davis who was running for election ~~tax~~ to the New York City Council. The latest figures show him far behind.

In New Jersey Republican Governor Driscoll has a substantial lead in his fight for reelection against State Senator Elmer Wene, who is backed by the old time Hague machine.

In Detroit, City Treasurer Albert Cobo running for mayor has a lead over the candidate backed by the C I O George Edwards. Cobo is backed by the A F of L.

In California the weather was cloudy and rainy today and may have cut down the vote somewhat, although reports as the polls closed indicated at least a normal turnout. Throughout the State except San Francisco the voting ended at seven p.m. the polls at San Francisco closing at eight. Interest in California concentrated on the pension issue and daylight saving.



FOLLOW ELECTION.

These are some of the facts to be given at this hour,  
after millions of Americans have gone to the polls, (~~and~~

~~in the morning, to be followed by reports of the~~

~~results)~~

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## KAISER

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation refuses to hold up a loan for the Kaiser Frazer Corporation - a loan of forty-four million, four hundred thousand dollars. This huge transaction was protested by Senator Fulbright of Arkansas, who claimed that the giant loan was contrary to the law creating the R. F.C. To which that government agency responds that it is all ~~correct~~ according to regulations.

This transaction of forty-four million, four hundred thousand dollars brings the government money advanced to the various Kaiser enterprises to a total of more than one hundred and ninety-seven million dollars - since the end of the Second World War. Henry J. Kaiser states that of this, nearly eighty-nine million dollars has been paid back with interest.

## SUBSTITUTE CROMMELIN

The reprimand administered to Captain Crommelin today emphasises the fact that he, attached to the High Command of the Navy, had been ordered to keep quiet and have nothing to say -- after he had issued a blast, denouncing the way the Navy was being treated under unification.

(~~For example, he had been forbidden to appear on a television program -- for a discussion of the feud between the Navy on one side, and the Army and Airforce on the other. So he was harassed, officially forbidden to say anything.~~) But what did he do? The reprimand, issued by

~~the~~ Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Sherman, answers in these words: "Notwithstanding your knowledge of that policy, you deliberately circumvented it by making the letter available to the public through the medium of the press." The inside story of <sup>that letter</sup> ~~what happened~~ is interesting.

On a night in Washington a month ago, a member of the staff of the United Press, James Austin, was on the



job, when Captain Crommelin came in to see him. The two were friends, who had known each other for some time.

The Captain showed Austin a letter for publication. The letter -- written by Admiral Bogan and endorsed by two other Admirals. One -- Admiral Denfeld, who was then Chief of Naval Operations. The letter stated that morale among naval officers was being demoralized by the way the Navy was being treated. Forbidden to make any public utterance on the subject of unification, the Captain wasn't saying anything at all for publication. He was just handing over a letter.

Full publication meant all three of the big ~~news~~ services. So the U.P. man put in calls to the Associated Press and the International News Service, making appointments for them to send somebody to take the release. The two appointments were in the National Press Building, and later gave rise to stories ~~of~~ the Captain meeting

reporters around ~~the~~ corners.

The letter hit the headlines all right, and the big uproar was on. Captain Crommelin was immediately suspended from duty, and was confined in the District of Columbia -- and a court-martial was as good as ordered.

*no court martial for Captain Crommelin. He*  
~~But now the Captain~~ is merely reprimanded. The Captain reprimanded sternly. Also -- he is sent into exile, which is what it amounts to. He is removed from the Office of Naval Operations, and assigned to a post in San Francisco -- on the Pacific Ocean side of things. And his chance of promotion to Rear Admiral in the near future, would seem to be small.

All of which lowers the curtain on one thrilling act of the drama of the Navy and unification.

## DIPLOMACY

In the international realm of diplomacy, as we all know, the ways of ambassadors are smooth and tactful. A diplomatic emissary is required to be discreet, and not say anything that might jar the feelings - of the head of a state, for example. So here we have Ellis Briggs, the new ~~ambassador~~ American Ambassador to Red Czechoslovakia. Today Ambassador Briggs presented his credentials to Communist President Gottwald - who is one of the noisiest of Red propagandists, a stooge of the Soviets, who is forever blasting against the United States. (Only yesterday, in hailing the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, the Gottwald outfit went head over heels in pledging obedience to the Soviet dictatorship, which instigated the crushing of liberty in Czechoslovakia, now a police state.)

So was Ambassador Briggs diplomatic in being presented to the satellite President? Did he say the right thing? I'll leave that for you to judge. He began by



telling Gottwald of his trip to Czechoslovakia - saying that he ~~had~~ motored along the same route the American Army took in the spring of Nineteen Forty-Five, when Patton's armour smashed through the Nazis in Czechoslovakia. Yesterday, the Red regime paid homage to Stalin as the liberator, ~~of~~ ~~Czechoslovakia~~, forgetting all about Patton.

The Ambassador also reminded Gottwald what the United States did for the liberty of Czechoslovakia when that country became independent as a result of World War One. ~~The headquarters of the independence movement was in the~~ ~~United States, headed by the great old time liberal, Masaryk,~~ ~~and that this country was the first to grant him recognition.~~ ~~Ambassador Briggs spoke of what he called "the enthusiasm~~ ~~kindled by President Masaryk, when in exile in the United~~ ~~States, for a free and independent Czechoslovakia."~~ To which he added that in the Second World War the American purpose was - "not only to free your country from the Nazi invader, but also to recreate democracy and individual liberty after

the war was won."

Quite a speech for an Ambassador to make to a  
satellite of the Soviets! I don't know how tactful it was,  
according to the double-talk of diplomacy, but it sounds good.



ADD DIPLOMACY

Later news - ~~the~~ Czechoslovak Reds have released the ~~AMERICAN~~ American Embassy clerk, Samuel Meryn, whom they arrested, charged with espionage. They had said they would put him on trial before a Red court - but today, shortly after the Ambassador had presented his credentials, they handed the Embassy clerk over to the American<sup>s</sup>.



WIFE

At Port Orchard, Washington, there was a new explanation today in the case of Mrs. Margaret Susan Piatt, who admits that she hired two men to kill her husband, because he was too loving a spouse. <sup>The husband</sup> ~~she~~ refuses to believe this, although the wife insists it's true - and the two men she ~~hired~~ hired admit they took the money, though they say they didn't intend to kill anybody.

Today Wilfred Piatt explained<sup>d</sup> that the story his wife tells is only because she is up<sup>set.</sup>set. In fact, she has been upset ever since the day the clothesline broke.

He tells of a string of hard luck the family has had. "Two years ago," he says, "I wrecked my Nineteen Forty-Seven Ford, and after that the roof of the house fell in." Then one of the children, of which they have two, had a tumor, and the other had ear trouble. After which a police dog knocked Jimmy down, and bit him - and daughter Sherry broke her shoulder. "That," says <sup>..</sup>Mr. Piatt, "was on my wife's birthday.

The next break of hard luck was indicated when he took a ~~impr~~ look at his arm -- in a cast, he having broken his arm recently while picking apples. Then came the final blow -- the husband putting it in these words: "Seems like everything in her snapped the next Sunday, when the clothesline broke."

So that's his explanation of the story she tells, how she hired two men to kill her husband. He blames it on the clothes line.

## DEER

From Broad Axe, Pennsylvania - a story of how a young athlete saved a baby from a ferocious - deer. We usually think of a deer as mild and timid, but this one burst its way into a house and was about to impale a baby on its antlers. There sure was a lot of excitement at Broad Axe!

James Brower, eighteen years old, who was good at athletics in school, was driving his car down the road last night, when he saw an automobile in front hit a deer - and drove on. The deer, a big buck, wasn't hurt particularly, but he sure was mad - as who can blame him?

Brower saw the enraged animal go dashing to the house of Mrs. Ronald Bluckman. He followed in his car - whereupon the deer leaped through a window into the house, and began tearing up the furniture. Mrs. Bluckman, who was in the basement, came running up. The buck charged her, and drove her away - and continued wrecking the first floor of the house. Then up the stairs to the second floor - and that's where baby was. The mother was frantic, and just then



James Brower came running up. She told him, and begged him to save her child - as the deer was going up the stairs.

Brower, being an ~~in~~ athlete, made a quick jump and ~~jumped~~ <sup>skinned</sup> up the porch to the second floor, getting in through a window. <sup>And</sup> There was the deer coming up <sup>the stairs,</sup> So he threw some

furniture to block the animal, grabbed the baby - and carried little Renee Bluckman to safety, climbing down from the porch. The deer, blocked by the furniture on the stairs, turned around, smashed things up on the first floor a bit

more, then jumped through another window - away, <sup>and</sup> leaving the Bluckman home a shambles. <sup>And that's the story</sup> ~~But the baby was saved.~~

<sup>1/4</sup> of the angry deer and the baby that was saved.