

BLIZZARD L.T.-P.O. Fri. Feb. 20-53.

At Sidney, Nebraska, today, the snowdrifts reached up to the ~~Marquees~~ of theaters. Which is a measure of the blizzard sweeping the middlewest. Great snows, driven by a violent gale. In some places, where the blizzard was beginning to subside - people couldn't tell whether it had stopped snowing or not. Because, the howling wind kicked up so much snow from the ground..

Transport and Communications - tied up far and wide. Hundreds of people stranded. Near Sterling, Colorado, a bus-load of school children was missing for seventeen hours. But the bus driver got the youngsters to the safety of a farm house.

The worst blizzard since the big one in Nineteen Forty-nine - when the great snows brought conditions of disaster to ~~great sections~~ ^{many sections} of the West.

FOLLOW BLIZZARD

The blizzard in the north is accompanied by - tornadoes in the south. Twisters hit in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Actually, the whirling winds and the storms of snow are tied together - which enabled the weather bureau to predict the tornadoes in the south. The cold front of the blizzard is moving down into Dixie. That creates a state of affairs in which masses of air can be sent whirling. Hence an epidemic of twisters.

CATTLE

In Congress, an agricultural sub-committee is urging the administration to set up an emergency program -- to bolster cattle prices. These have been ~~sitting~~ falling, and the cattle men of the West are demanding action. So the ~~xxxx~~ sub-committee suggests - a government "beef buying" plan. Purchases to be made for a - school lunch ^πpro_Λgram. The armed forces to stock a larger supply of beef. Also - extend more credit to the cattle men, ^{and} ~~to~~-limit imports of beef from other countries. Cattlemen are complaining about shipments of beef coming in from New Zealand.

All this ties in with a controversy raging around the new Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson. Who, recently, said he was against government intervention to bolster sagging prices in the ^Ccattle _Λmarket. But President Eisenhower is quoted as saying that he has "complete confidence" in the Secretary of Agriculture, in spite of the storm of criticism. Reported to have told that to at least two Republican Senators.

TAFT-HARTLEY

Senator Ives of New York urges Congress to cancel the injunction part of the Taft-Hartley Law. He wants it replaced with a new formula for dealing with strikes that involve national emergency.

The New York Republican urged this on Congress today, but it was opposed at once by Senator Taft of Ohio - Republican co-author ~~xxxxxxx~~ of the Labor Law. Taft favors amendments - but not that. He told reporters today: "There are some things I wouldn't object to, but I certainly would not abandon the injunction."

A Congressional Committee, today, rejected a White House request for "prompt" action on social security. President Eisenhower, in his election campaign, promised an extension of social security - to cover millions of people more. But the committee, today, voted to delay, by setting up a sub-committee to make a "detailed" study of the entire social security system. Which could take plenty of time.

It all goes beyond the matter of social security. The committee is the one on ways and means - which deals with taxation. It's chairman, Congressman Reed of New York - who is campaigning for a tax cut, at once. The committee has voted a ten per cent reduction of income tax.

But President Eisenhower is opposed. Saying that first - the budget should be balanced. He intimates that, if Congress votes an immediate cut of income tax, he'll veto it.

Well, it happens that the ways and means committee of the House is also in charge of social

security. So you see the situation. Today, one committee member said that, if the President will agree on tax reduction, he will get "prompt" action ^{on} ~~of~~ social security.

~~Sounds like an old story - feud between Congress and the White House. All the more striking - because it's a Republican Congress and a Republican White House. So soon - after the G.O.P. victory.~~

President Eisenhower, this afternoon, sent Congress the resolution - for a repudiation of wartime agreements that have led to the enslavement of free peoples. Which, of course, might apply, first of all, to that famous Yalta pact, negotiated by Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin.

The resolution does not suggest that such agreements should be cancelled outright, but only "interpretations" or "applications" that have enslaved masses of human beings.

The President asks Congress, likewise, to declare its "hope" that oppressed peoples shall become free again - the Red ~~xxx~~ Satellites. An expression of "hope" without any suggestion of anything to be done about it.

Predictions are that the ~~xx~~ resolution will not satisfy some Republicans in Congress, who have been demanding - an outright repudiation of Yalta.

BRITAIN

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is due in Washington next week, for conferences with the Eisenhower Administration - and London says that the Foreign Secretary will present a picture of a "crisis in the Kremlin."

Signs of a struggle for power in the top hierarchy of Bolshevism - like the charge of treason and murder against physicians at the Kremlin hospital. London thinks it could be a clash between Beria, head of the Secret Police, and his rivals - including Malenkov, often mentioned as a successor to Stalin.

~~That's the picture which the Foreign Secretary~~
~~will present in Washington - and, from it,~~ ^{TP} Eden will
draw ^{the} conclusion. ~~The familiar British view~~ that any
abrupt American move in the Far East could be dangerous, ^{now.}
London is worried about Eisenhower action in the Korean
war, and thinks it all the more perilous - because of
the signs of conflict inside the Kremlin. A crisis
there might bring about a more reckless policy, more
belligerent than the policy of Stalin.

KOREA

In Korea, the tune of Red propaganda changed suddenly, today - an ugly change. Hitherto, Communist propaganda ~~xxx~~ had been promising prisoners good treatment, trying to lure them to surrender. But today - there were threats of murder and torture. Given by a woman's voice, in a broadcast of atrocity propaganda.

BERLIN

In Berlin today, the Communist police acted on orders - shoot to kill. Trying - to stop the flood of refugees from the Communist zone to free territory. There were four incidents of shooting - though nobody was killed. For example, two automobiles came racing across the border into the American sector - with Red police firing at them. But the refugees got through safely.

In all, sixteen hundred East Germans came across. Which brings the total for this month to more than twenty-three thousand. The number for February will exceed the mark set in January. When - twenty-six hundred crossed to Freedom.

CLARE LUCE

In Rome today, our new Ambassador to Italy was hailed as - Cleopatra. Well, Clare Booth Luce has been a number of things, author, playwright, politician, member of Congress - and now a Diplomat. But we never before heard of her as - the Queen of the Nile. The legended Cleopatra, who romanced with Caesar and Mark Anthony.

Today, a newspaper in Rome published a picture of Cleopatra, embracing Mark Anthony, and said - the lady was the U. S. Envoy, who, several years ago, performed as an actress. Playing - Shakespear^e's Anthony and Cleopatra.

That brought a quick explanation from the American Embassy in Rome. Which stated that Cleopatra, in the picture, was the actress ^{— another} Clare Luce - not the Ambassador.

Just a mix-up of similar names - and the United States is not being represented in Rome by Cleopatra.

VOICE

At the investigation of the Voice of America, today, a witness was halted - stopped from giving evidence. A woman writer, employed formerly by the "Voice" who had testified previously at a closed hearing. But this was an open hearing - on television. So the Chairman, Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin, said he didn't think the testimony of the witness was proper to be channeled into thousands of American homes. So that was kept off T.V., and all we have is a brief summary.

Nancy Lenkeith, a good looking brunette, says that, when she went to work for the Voice of America, she was told by her new boss, Troup Matthews - that he was interested in forming collectivist groups. He invited her to join "a group dedicated to collective living which would embody the good aspects of Marxism." Which group gathered at a place in Rockland County, New York.

"He said" related the witness "that the children would be brought up together."

"I said I had no children. He said that ~~xxxx~~ could be arranged. So I said I had no husband. He said - that didn't matter."

So that was it - a sort of free love Marxist group.

Nancy Lenkeith says she was fired from the "Voice" in June, last year - after she broadcast a review of Whittaker Chambers' book, in which the former Communist told of his part in the Alger Hiss case. She says an official expressed his astonishment about it. The only reason for her dismissal was that her "attitude" was not right.

Sounds like strange doings at the Voice of America.

BASEBALL

The St. Louis Cardinals have been sold - to August A. Busch, of the Anheuser Busch Brewery fortune. The sale made today by Fred Saigh, who is on his way to prison, ~~was~~ convicted of income tax violation.

The price - two-million, five-hundred thousand dollars.

August Busch will become President of the Club, and announces - there'll be no other change in personnel. The Cardinals to go on - as before.

The sale is reminiscent of another brewery dynasty operating in baseball - when the New York Yankees were owned by Colonel Jacob Ruppert, of New York Brewery fame, ^{who} ~~he~~ built up the team in those glory days of Babe Ruth/

DUPONT

A page of American industrial history was recited in a Chicago courtroom today - by one of the giants of American industry. Pierre S. Dupont, of the fabulous Dupont empire. He's a defendant in a huge anti-trust suit, the Federal government charging that the DuPonts "seized control" of General Motors. Thereby creating a "protected market" - ~~and~~ the Dupont firm selling its chemical products to General Motors, which it controlled.

In Answer to that, the eighty-three year old Pierre Dupont told of transactions more than thirty years ago. Relating how, in Nineteen Eighteen, General Motors, was in a financial crisis. The "dire" need was -- capital. Which the Duponts proceeded to raise - with the help of J.P. Morgan. Pierre Dupont stated that the real credit for "saving" General Motors ~~should~~ should go to the House of Morgan.

Capital of thirty-five million dollars was put up, and the Duponts took over the debts and

financial management of the shaky concern.

He, himself, became President of General Motors - though he didn't want the post. Today he said: "I had retired from active business, and was loathe to take the job." Retired from active business thirty-five years ago.

But he took the job, and held it for five years, until Nineteen Twenty-Three -- when he handed over the Presidency of General Motors to Alfred P. Sloan.

The patriarch of the Duponts was modest about the part he played. General Motors, under his direction, increased its assets from one-hundred-and-thirty-three million to five-hundred-and-fifty-two million.

That's the Dupont story - in the giant anti-trust suit.

TURKISH WOMAN

At Hartford, Connecticut, Miss Zavinar Chilingirian, of Turkey - can tell you about the troubles of a stranger in a strange land. In New York, she was to take a plane to Chicago. Instead, she took a taxicab to Hartford - winding up, in the wrong city, the wrong state, the wrong part of the country. With - an eighty dollar taxi bill.

She arrived in this country by trans-Atlantic plane - and, at the Idlewild airport, asked about the plane to Chicago. She speaks no English, knows only Turkish - and people looked blank. She fished around in her handbag, to find something that would elucidate. In the hand-bag was an address - Mrs. Harold Andonian, Hartford, Connecticut. Mrs. Andonian - an acquaintance of long ago, whom she hadn't seen in thirty years. But, in the confusion of tongues, the idea was conveyed to a taxidriver - that she wanted to be taken to Hartford. So they started out. She - thinking the cab was taking her to the Chicago plane.

After a four hour drive, she found herself at

Mrs. Andonian's house, in Hartford - the acquaintance she hadn't seen in thirty years. Which left, of course, the taxi fare. Eighty dollars, which Mrs. Andonian paid.

TP At last reports, ^{Nelson,} the lady from Istanbul ^{and the Golden} ~~was~~

still trying to figure - how to get to Chicago.