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Good evening everybody; I am back in San Francisco tonight - and the top ^{local news is - another} ~~news here is the latest~~ strike here at the Golden Gate. What they call the Key System's East Bay and the Bay Bridge Transit Service, all tied up by more than a thousand-five-hundred men, "going-out", over wages. Traffic and San Francisco. all jammed up in Oakland, / More than a hundred thousand deprived of their usual way of getting to work. Some estimate 150,000.

Many from the Oakland-Berkeley side of the Bay took the famous San Francisco Ferry ~~XXXXX~~ for the first time in years -- and tonight are saying: Why did they ever give up riding the Ferry?

SUBSTITUTE LEAD KOREAN TRUCE

A Korean armistice may be signed within 48 hours, - in two separate ceremonies. Late word from Tokyo - quote reliable sources to the effect that the armistice agreement may first be signed separately. That is, by General Mark Clark in Tokyo and by the Chinese and North Korean Commanders in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital. Later, according to this report, the truce document would be rushed to Panmunjom for still another signing ceremony - a sort of anti-climax, because then it would not be signed by the top brass but by the negotiators themselves. All this - we are told - because the North Korean Commander-in-chief, General Kim Il Sung, refuses to travel to the truce village.

Meanwhile, Syngman Rhee keeps on complaining. Pickup the South Korean President now declares etc etc.

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carrying out our agreement with Syngman Rhee. He asked Congress to make two hundred million dollars available for Southern Korean rehabilitation. That much to start on the job of rebuilding the war-torn country as soon as a truce has been signed.

The money would come out of defense funds - which we would spend otherwise on the Korean war. Two hundred million that we would save - through an armistice. The first installments for a rehabilitation job that might cost us as much as one billion seven hundred million, according to estimates. The total is somewhat less than the amount we'd spend in a year and a half for war in Korea, not counting, of course, human lives.

KOREA - WAR

The Reds are still attacking on the war fronts, and American officers call it "senseless". They've stormed several hills, today, for a small indecisive gain. Which can have no effect on the truce line. That's been agreed upon, with full finality - and any ground won by the Communists would only have to be handed back, upon the signing of an armistice. American officers interpreted the "senseless" attacks as a Red scheme to end the war with a "propaganda victory".

Later news:- That Red assault has been checked by troops of the First Marine Division, after savage fighting -- hand to hand.

GERMANY

Western Germany has proposed a European security system that would include - Soviet Russia. A Mutual Security Pact among the great powers, guaranteeing each other against attack - Russia to be one, participating in the guarantee. It is now disclosed that this West German proposal was presented to the recent meeting of the foreign ministers of the Western Big Three in Washington - to whom it was delivered, apparently, by a representative of Chancellor, Adenauer.

In London, the foreign office, declares that Great Britain is "wholly in sympathy" with the West German suggestion.

TURKEY

The Turkish government, tonight, rejected a Russian protest against the visit of American and British warships - which will put in at Istanbul shortly. Moscow queried the Turks about this, and called the visit "some kind of military demonstration." The reply is that the ten American and twenty-two British warships are merely paying "a friendly call."

EAST GERMAN

In East Germany, the Chief of the Red Secret Police has been fired. Wilhelm Zaisser, once considered - all powerful.

He was a henchman of Beria - the fallen chief of the Secret Police in ~~the~~ Soviet ~~zone~~ ^{Russia. Beria's man in E. Ger. now} Now, ~~he is~~ ^{he is} tossed out.

In Berlin, American officials declared they have had no new reports of strikes in the Soviet zone. Indicating, the suppression of the workers by the new woman Minister of Justice called "Red Hilde" - hated and feared.

ATOMIC

The Atomic energy commission announces, tonight, that it is sending radio-active Phosphorous to Yugoslavia for treatment of the Prelate. The Yugoslav government of Marchal Tito has agreed to admit the American physicians and the radio-active medicine they will administer.

CARDINAL

Two American medical specialists left for Yugoslavia today - to treat Cardinal Stepinac - said to be suffering from a rare and sometimes fatal blood disease. Dr. John Lawrence of the University of California, and Dr. John Ruzic of Chicago. The one, is a specialist in radio active therapy. The other, a surgeon. They^{are} ~~are~~ making the trip at the request of the National Catholic Welfare Council of Washington. Which seeks to aid the Cardinal-once-a-prisoner of the Reds. Now, exiled in a village of Yugoslavia.

CHURCHILL

Today, Prime Minister Winston Churchill left the country home, where he has been resting, on doctor's orders. As he emerged there was plenty of interest - to see how he got along. Not surprising, in view of reports that Sir Winston had been stricken with complete paralysis; headlined in Paris, denied in London.

Well, the seventy-eight year old statesman walked out slowly, using a cane. But he needed no help as he climbed into an automobile. He was cheerful and smiling - as he waved to bystanders. Giving that Churchill "V-For-Victory" sign. He drove to the country estate of Chequers - reserved for British Prime Ministers. There he will stay for another month - though not in such complete seclusion. At Chequers, to be joined by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden returning from the United States - where he successfully underwent a delicate, dangerous operation. The story is that Churchill is grooming Eden to succeed him as Prime Minister.

COMMISSION

President Eisenhower, today, appointed the first two members of a new commission to plan government reorganization. The names are interesting - two veterans of public affairs - former President Herbert Hoover and former Postmaster Jim Farley. They were on opposite sides in the political wars twenty odd years ago - when Jim Farley master-minded Franklin D. Roosevelt in his victory over President Hoover in 1932. Now, they ^{are} ~~are~~ two elder statemen in the rival political parties. Jim Farley, the Democrat, does not rank as high as Herbert Hoover, in years, or in venerable prestige. But Jim is coming along.

So now they are the first two of twelve, who will serve on a new commission for government reorganization.

HUNGERS

Canadian officials declare that three American hunters were murdered in the wilderness of the Gaspé Peninsula. This is the case of the three ^{from} Hollidayburg, Pennsylvania. — Eugene Lindsay, his son, Robert, and Fred Clark, whose bodies were found, mutilated by bear. It first was thought their deaths were accidental — then suspicion arose. Today, the solicitor General of Quebec told a news conference that bullet holes were found. Definite evidence that the victims were murdered and robbed in the forest.

SPANISH JEWELS

[In London, a Spanish youth, eighteen years old, has been arrested - for a startling theft. At Seville, in Spain, he stole jewels, worth a million and a half dollars -- ^{stole them} from the "Virgin of the Kings", ~~A~~ shrine in the ancient cathedral - to which the royalty and aristocracy of Spain donated jewels for centuries. [The story is that Emelio Garcia Gomez, son of a Magistrate of Seville, pretended to take a deep, studious interest in the art treasures of the cathedral. He duped the sacristan, who told him the legends of old, especially about the shrine of the "Virgin of the Kings". Gomez found out all he needed to know for a robbery, made his way into the cathedral at night, broke into the shrine -- and made off with a million-and-a-half in jewels. [The Spanish Police got onto his trail, when he sold several gems to a silver-smith in Seville. He took a train for Paris. Police boarded the train in a routine inspection. That frightened him, and he threw some of the jewels out of the window. They were found and of course, that helped make the trail for the

detectives. In Paris, the robber tried to peddle some of the treasures - to pay his room rent. Which gave the police

another clue. ^{Next} /The trail led to London, where Gomez was

arrested today. At last reports, the police had recovered

a huge lot of the treasure, jewels from ^{Seville} the shrine of "The Virgin of the Kings".

MAGICIAN

We seem to have had enough of the mysterious, but here's a weird story of hard luck. The jinks was ^{sure} ~~working at~~ ^{that} Variety Theatre at Leicester, ⁱⁿ England.

The show began with an act featured as "The Man They Can't Hang". But they almost did it. A magician named Alan Alan, doing a sort of latter-day Houdini. Suspended upside down in handcuffs and chains -- supposed to get free in a minute-and-a-half. But the minutes went by and he struggled in vain. Six minutes! - until they cut him down. "The Man They Can't Hang" in such bad shape they had to send him to the hospital.

The next act was a knife thrower, Hal Denver - who stands his wife against a board, then makes a pattern of knives all around her. The first blade he threw came too close and pinned her sleeve. The next one - pinned wifie's bloomers. In alarm, she tore herself loose and ran off the stage holding up her clothes.

Act no. 3 was - "The Well of Death", and it almost was just

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that. A motorcyclist riding around a circular wall. He zipped over the wall, landed on the floor, dislocated his shoulder.

The jinks climaxed with the Fencing Act. Two duelists going at each other with flashing blades. One slipped and fell, and his partner's dueling sword put a gash in his back a foot long. The blade broke, and one section flew into the orchestra pit, hitting a fiddler, cutting his bow in two as he was sawing at the strings.

Well, it sure was occult, especially for the audience. They must have thought they were seeing things.

SLEEPWALKER

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Here's/another mysterious affair. At Enid, Oklahoma, the husband who is getting set - for Sunday night. There will be a full moon this weekend. So he's going to tie his wife's leg to his own. Lashing the two legs together firmly.

All Enid has been talking about the strange case of the wife, who walks in her sleep on the night following a full moon. Last time, June twenty-sixth. The moon was full. She vanished - sleep-walking. They found her up a tree without a stitch of clothes on. She was up there - plucking leaves. Embarrassing for the hubby and the neighbors, and for wifey - when she woke up.

She says it's hereditary - her father having been a sleep-walker nearly every night. But with her - it's only the night following the full moon.

So her husband is getting ready for that. With their legs tied together, she'll/^{just}have to take him along - if she goes climbing the trees again, dressed as Mother Eve.

SAN FRANCISCO - END

As I mentioned, I am in San Francisco tonight - on my way to the tall trees, the giant Redwoods, 100 miles or so North of here, on the Russian River.

I have often wondered by San Francisco doesn't have a population of 20 million or so. It seems to be nearly everybody's favorite city. And the Russian River? Yes, the Russians were here long ago. But they were not smart enough to stay, or glorious San Francisco might today be an outpost of the USSR. An appalling thought, as I leave for ^{the} tall timber, the Russian River and turn the microphone over to Mike Fitzmorris in New York.

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