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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At this moment I am facing the San Francisco Press Club -- one of the most famous of newspapermen organizations and the Union League Club. I am also here in San Francisco to tell an Arctic story of high adventure - at the San Francisco Opera House Friday Evening, with a new motion picture in color. But right now before all these newspaper men I feel I'm in front of the experts -- each one lending a critical ear to this recital of the tidings of the day I'd better watch my nouns and adverbs, not to mention the facts and figures -- and not go wrong. But, anyway, -- here's braving the San Francisco Press Club, and taking the plunge.

SUB LEAD STEEL

The steel picture is whirling around like a ^{pin} ~~giant~~ wheel, now this way, now that.

In Washington late ~~today~~ ^{this afternoon} a Court of Appeals issued -- a "stay". Thereby granting the request of the Government -- for a delay in that injunction signed today by Judge David Pine. Federal Attorneys declared they wanted time in which to appeal to the highest tribunal of them all. The Court of Appeals agreed, and issued a "stay" until four-thirty P.M. Friday, giving the Administration an opportunity to take an appeal to the Supreme Court. The Government

Meanwhile -- retaining control of the steel mills for this interim period -- nearly two days.


But what about the strike? That's an interesting question. Today, the walkout was complete, six hundred and fifty thousand steel workers off the job, tying up ninety percent of the industry. So will the giant strike be called off, since the government seizure is on again? -- though not for sure, except for less than two days? Today, in

granting the appeal, Federal attorneys talked of getting ~~an~~ an injunction against the strike -- if the Court granted the "stay". But, after that delay was okayed, Philip Murray, President of the Steel Workers declared -- "there will be no word going out tonight". No order calling off the strike.

What will happen tomorrow is another thing -- but it would seem to be rather absurd to expect the Union to cancel the walkout for the brief remaining time until Friday afternoon, when the Supreme Court will speak the final word. The sure guess would seem to be that the steel strike will go on until the High Justices give their decision.

~~All of which~~ ^{They} brings to an end a lively ~~ex~~ day of news about steel, in which events have been doing pinwheel gyrations.

All of which has directed sudden attention to the sixty year old jurist Judge David Pine who ~~has~~ was never in the limelight before. He never sought it, he's quiet, unobtrusive. But now he has issued what lawyers are calling



one of the memorable decisions in the history of American Government.

He's a Democrat, is Judge Pine, appointed by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Before he took his place on the bench he was law clerk to the late Supreme Court Justice McReynolds a jurist who once uttered pessimistic words. It was at the time when the Supreme Court upheld The New Deal policy of repealing the Gold Standard Justice McReynolds, conservative in opposition, growled: "The Constitution is dead."

But his former law clerk does not agree -- Judge David Pine insists that the Constitution is in full vigor and force in this country.

They say he issued his decision only after soul-searching meditation. He knew it was without precedent for a court to issue an injunction against the President of the United States. Was well aware -- of the profound meanings of the present Administration doctrine that the President has unlimited emergency powers.

It took him five days to prepare his decision, and today his wife said - she seldom saw him during that period. He was buried in his library, consulting scores of law books, volumes of court decisions, the writings of former Presidents. But, more than anything else, he read and re-read -- the Constitution of the United States. Then he revised and corrected his decision a dozen times -- the document which declares the theory of unlimited presidential power to be totaltarian.

OIL STRIKE

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the oil strike, -- an agreement between Standard of Indiana, and the Union. The labor organization there is one of the ^{independents} ~~independents~~ that went out in collaboration with the A F of L and the C I O. Now an agreement in ^{Indiana} ~~Indiana~~, and Federal Mediator Cyrus Ching says the hope is that the settlement may set a pattern for ending the nationwide oil strike, which began yesterday.

MASSACHUSETTS

A tabulation tonight gives a nationwide picture of Senator Taft and General Eisenhower in a close tie--for delegates. This, following ~~initial~~ ^{final} figures in the Massachusetts primary. (Of thirty-eight ^{Massachusetts} delegates, Eisenhower gets twenty-nine. Taft, three, while six are not formally committed. Add these to the totals they had before the Massachusetts election, and the United Press gives the score as -- Taft, two hundred and seventy one. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Eisenhower two hundred and seventy one. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. Even Steven, with ^{(some} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ six hundred ^{for nomination} needed ^{at} the GOP National Convention.

The popular vote-- a landslide for General Ike. ^{Mass.} complete [^] figures give him some two hundred forty-six thousand. About one hundred and six thousand for the Ohio Senator. More than two to one for Ike.

But then, more interesting is the count on the Democratic side--where neither Eisenhower or Taft would seem to have any place at all. Nevertheless, the General comes in as number two--as the choice of Democratic voters for ^{President.} ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Top man

is Senator Kefauver, who ^{was} ~~is~~ the only important Democrat running. General Ike follows him closely, followed by President Truman, who has declared himself out of the race. Senator Taft -- fourth on the Democratic side.

The Republican primary vote was huge--incited by the tense race between the Senator and the General. Not so much interest on the Democratic side, ^{and} ~~the~~ figures are ^{much} ~~smaller~~. They give Senator Kefauver more than twenty-seven thousand. Eisenhower--right behind with more than fifteen thousand. President Truman--a little less than seven thousand. Taft--more than forty-two hundred. It is mighty seldom that you find figures for Republicans in a Democratic primary. Almost unheard of to see a Republican presidential candidate running a good second as the choice of the Democrats. But that's the exploit which General Eisenhower ~~accom-~~ accomplished in Massachusetts.

Naturally,
~~initially~~ there are shouts of jubilation from those who like Ike. From the Taft side--

The Taft people charge that Eisenhower explanations. [^] ~~That Massachusetts~~ leaders urged Democrats to go into the Republican primary, and vote for Ike. Also--that some of the uncommitted Massachusetts delegates will be on the Taft side ^{at} ~~in~~ the Republican convention.

More important, perhaps, is the fact that, ~~with the Taft~~ Senator ^{Taft} may be more likely than ~~the~~ General ^{Ike} to pick up delegates in the future. The Massachusetts event was the final primary in which there can be a direct contest between the two Republican front runners. Most of the States that remain to be heard from will hold political conventions, not primaries--~~is~~ and the Taft strength in the State organizations is expected to count heavily. That's the way the Taft people are thinking tonight.

FOLLOWING MASSACHUSETTS

The Taft-Eisenhower duel produced a fantastic event in Mississippi today. Where at Jackson, the official Republican party was holding a convention. The recognized faction, all for Taft, getting ready to name a slate of delegates pledged to the Ohio Senator.

But, there is an Eisenhower faction, too, and they staged an invasion. They marched into the place. Their leader climbed on to the rostrum - and proposed a slate of delegates pledged to Eisenhower. His followers shouted a vote of acclamation and he proclaimed the slate - the official delegation from Mississippi.

All - while the pro-Taft forces gaped in amazement. Their leader made a dash to a telephone, and called the police. But, before the cops arrived, the Eisenhower invaders had left.

I don't think that Mississippi delegation for General Ike is likely to be seated at the G O P convention.

ELECTION-OKLAHOMA

Now, At Muskogee, Oklahoma, there is a hot race for County Sheriff.

Oklahoma is a dry state, and one of the candidates is Jess Crossland - who has been arrested fifty times for boot-legging. But Jess declares -- he had reformed.

"I haven't sold a pint in four years," he says -- running for Sheriff.

Another candidate is former Sheriff Eddie Briggs -- who was ousted from office three years ago, convicted of conspiracy in the sale of liquor, wholesale. Still another candidate -- "Slim" Payne. Who used to be the big shot bootlegger of Muskogee County.

"Slim" was convicted in that same liquor scandal, along with Eddie. But the ousted Sheriff got only ninety days, while "Slim" had to serve five months. Which he thought, unfair. So he's got a grudge.

"If Briggs runs for Sheriff a hundred times," Slim growls, "I'll run against him every time."

Dry Oklahoma -- wet election.

ROBBER

There's a strange case of law and religion -- at Topeka, Kansas. Where, next Sunday, a bank robber will get up in a Baptist Church - and confess. But the sheriff says he'll be there with a wire recorder to take down the confession as legal evidence.

In the robbery of a bank at Hoyt, Kansas, several years ago, three crooks got away with a thousand dollars - and fled taking the cashier along as a hostage. Later, two suspects were killed in an automobile accident. Which left one at large -- a much-wanted fugitive.

Last Saturday, a man called on the Reverend Howard Brumme, pastor of the Seward Avenue Baptist Church in Topeka, ^{He that} stated he was the robber, and ^{that} declared ^λ he wanted to "get right with God". At service this coming Sunday, he'd rise in the congregation and make a full confession.

He says he intends to make "full restitution". Which in fact, he has already begun --

the Hoyt Bank having received twenty dollars in the mail, a first installment.

When the authorities over at Hoyt heard all this, they said they would prosecute. Which, however, does not change the plan at all. The repentant sinner insists that he'll make the confession in church on Sunday -- no matter, Sheriff or no sheriff, ~~with a wire recorder.~~

FIGHT

In a Hollywood lawsuit, movie actor Steve Cochran denies that he hit a fellow over the head -- with a baseball bat. He insists it was a softball bat; and there's a difference -- a softball bat being a few ounces lighter. Still, you don't want to be smacked over the noggin with one. I wouldn't want to be! Even by some gentle prankster like Ted Shan, star of the Gold Men.

The gentleman who was conked is Lenwood Wright, described as a former prize fighter -- who no doubt, is pretty rugged with his fists. Hence, I suppose the softball bat.

Actor Steve Cochran claims that ex-pugilist Wright crashed a Hollywood New Year party -- and was ordered to leave. "When he came forward in a threatening manner," says the film actor, "I picked up a softball bat, which happened to be handy -- and hit him on the head."

Wright is suing for Four Hundred Thousand Dollars. But the contention might be that a softball

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bat would inflict less damage to the cranium -- maybe
only about Three Hundred Thousand Dollars worth - or
maybe only three dollars worth. That will be up to
the Judge. And now from the Golden Gate to Bagged
on the Subway - to N.C.