

SUB STRIKE

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On the West Coast and East Coast the same news almost simultaneously. A settlement of the strike of longshoremen. In San Francisco, as the day closed, the companies and unions announced an agreement to end the long walkout. The statement is in the ~~xx~~ most optimistic tone. Both employers, represented by Colonel John Kilpatrick, and the unions represented by Harry Bridges, joined in saying: "This contract and this new spirit of good faith and cooperation can mean a new era for west coast shipping".

The full terms of the settlement are not yet at hand but for one thing, the contract provides for the retention of hiring halls.

On the Atlantic Coast earlier in the day, the word was that a tentative agreement had been reached to end the strike that was tying up the East Coast ~~xx~~ ports. The settlement is tentative, and has to be okayed by the longshoremen taking a vote. But it is possible that the men will be back on the dock Monday -- loading ships.

CHINA

The news from China sure does give us a headline tonight. A Nanking dispatch tells of a new order issued by Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek -- an order to the press officers of the Chinese Army, the ones who give out the news about the battles. The ~~General~~ Generalissimo tells those military press agents to be more accurate about the war bulletins they issue, stick a little closer to the truth. Which would seem to be an excellent thing -- because the recent announcements of huge Chinese government victories have aroused more skepticism than enthusiasm.

Take for example the triumph won by the Nationalist Army Armies at Suchow. Last week we were told that the Communists assailing that important railway center were decisively defeated, routed. -- *From that you would have* ~~and we~~ thought the battle for Suchow must be over.

But on succeeding days there were more major engagements at that same place -- Suchow.

Today for ~~an~~ example we are told of another big battle along a thirty mile front, south of the ^{big} center of communication^s.

The war bulletins declare the Nationalists have captured the railroad town of Suhsien; but, it isn't clear whether or not they have succeeded in opening the vital railroad line between Suchow and Nanking.

Maybe the whole situation ~~was~~^{will} become clearer after today's order -- Chiang Kai Shek telling his Army press agents to be more accurate and not win so many victories on paper.

KASHMIR

The United Nations tonight asked for an end to the fighting in Kashmir -- calling upon both India and ~~Razkintan~~ Pakistan to stop ~~the~~ battle^{ing for} of that Princely state in the Himalayas.

In response to this the Pakistan Foreign Minister, who is a U N delegate, charged that Indian forces were on the offensive and made recent advances of more than fifty miles. This the Indian delegate immediately denied saying the military operations of his people in Kashmir have been defensive.

To all this the Security Council of the U N added an appeal to both sides, asking them to help in arrang^eing a plebiscite for Kashmir. This would seem to be a dubious idea from the ^{Delhi} ~~Indian~~ point of view -- because the Himalayan country has ~~a Maharajah and~~ has a population predominantly Moslem. There seems little doubt how a popular vote would go in the fabulous Vale ~~of~~ Kashmir.

PALESTINE

At the United Nations in Paris today Soviet ~~Russians~~ Russia made the formal proposal that all foreign military ~~forces~~ forces withdraw from Palestine -- meaning, in particular, Armies of the Arab states, which moved in when the British got out and the state of Israel was proclaimed. But today in London

With the Moscow delegates demanding that the Arabs withdraw, the British delegation offered a plan of their own -- a substitute for the earlier British ~~as~~ demand that the U N give an all out endorsement of the Bernadotte plan. The new British scheme recommends that the U N should suggest a series of boundaries, as a basis for negotiations between Israel and the Arabs. ~~That is, if these~~ ^{if} the British are trying to come to an agreement with the Americans - whose present position is however, that the U N should propose no boundaries at all, but should leave everything to Jewish-Arab negotiations. This, in spite of Arab declarations, repeated today, that the Moslems will ~~not~~ negotiate with Israel, will not recognize the Jewish state.

IRELAND

The Irish may want to cut off all ties with the British, but the British won't let ~~them~~^{them}. The Dublin Parliament is acting to sever the last bond connecting the Emerald Isle with the British Commonwealth, and make Ireland an independent Republic in every respect. But today in ^{the} London Parliament British Prime Minister Attlee told the M P's that, no matter what the Dublin government does, Britain will not regard Irishmen as foreigners.

Technically of course the Republic of Eire will become a foreign country; but, Britain refuses to look at it that way. Attlee told the Commons that the London government will continue to hold *fast* ~~on~~ to traditional close relations. "Those relations," said he, "arise from ties of kinship and long established economic, social, and trade connections based on common interest."

Which makes us wonder -- what do the Irish say about that? Attlee today stated that Dublin has expressed similar sentiments -- Ireland as an independent republic desiring those ~~a~~ special

non-political ties with Britain.

The meaning of the whole thing would seem to be that, in cutting loose finally and completely, the Irish will not forfeit the benefits of the economic and commercial connection with Britain -- as some thought might be the case.

Some figured that Ireland would be the loser in a commercial and financial way. But not at all -- not with Britain refusing to regard a totally independent Irish ^{republic/}~~country~~ as a foreign country.

Which would make it seem as if the Irish were in the position of eating their cake and having it too.

~~Sounds Irish.~~ Sounds like the luck o' the Irish, doesn't it?

VENEZUELA

Venezuela was quiet today after one of the quietest of revolutions. The Army has thrown out President Gallegos - in a bloodless coup d'etat, the government overthrown without violence. The Venezuelan high brass just walking in and taking over. Today a military junta announced a new provisional cabinet of ~~the~~ eleven ministers to run Venezuela, -- ~~the South American Republic~~

In the capital city of Caracas, things went on in normal fashion today and reports are that things are normal in the great oil fields -- which ^{to us is about} ~~is~~ the most important aspect. ~~of it~~

EISENHOWER

In London a blast - and the subject is General Eisenhower. But this verbal cannonade is not against him -- it is for him; which is something of a novelty -- ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ considering the London reviews of the Eisenhower book -- "Crusade in Europe". British critics have been writing scathingly, declaring that the Supreme Commander in the war in Western Europe is unfair to Field Marshal Montgomery, the British Commander. They don't like what General Ike has to say about Monty of El Alamein -- the Eisenhower comments on the Montgomery brand of strategy.

And tonight out comes ~~xxxx~~ one of the foremost British military men, Lord Ismay, who was war-time Chief of Staff to the British Minister of Defense. He points out that at the end of the war in Europe there were nearly four times as many American Divisions on the Continent as British. As for disputes of strategy he declares that ^{only} history can give a verdict about who was correct in the disagreements

between Eisenhower and Montgomery. He summarizes by giving credit for the victory saying: "No man on either side did more to work this miracle than Eisenhower."

BATTLESHIP

Here's the biggest story ever about a creditor seizing some property to force payment of a debt. The property in this case is a battleship, one of the biggest in the world.

It happened today over in Italy, ^{where} ~~where~~ the Italian Navy owes a construction company a bill of ~~xxx~~ several million lire. The Navy failed to pay, and the company went to law -- winning the suit in the Italian supreme court. Well, you know what the creditor does when he gets a judgment -- he looks for something to ~~xi~~ seize. In this case, Italy's biggest battleship a thirty-five thousand ton giant. The creditors, taking legal possession declare they will sell the ~~haxxxx~~ battlewagon at auction if the Italian Navy doesn't pay up in ten days.

What will they do with it? They ~~will~~ sell the sea giant for scrap. But then the battleship is destined for the ^{junk yard} ~~scrap~~ anyway -- in accordance with the terms of the Italian peace treaty. ^{It} But it's a classic in the history of debts and lawsuits -- when a creditor seizes a battleship!

AIRLINER

There was a thriller of ~~the~~ aviation at Los Angeles today -- flaming melodrama. Yes, flaming ^{was} ~~is~~ the word. A big airliner, twenty three people aboard, and it burst into fiery explosion. The death list? Zero. Nobody more than slightly hurt -- a few bruises and sprains.

It was a miracle of escape, and in addition -- there's a question: The airline people, ~~the~~ Trans-World, say the big Constellation caught fire as it landed. But tonight officials of the Civic Aeronautics Board are investigating ~~the~~ ^a report that the blaze broke out while the plane was in the air, and that it was burning when it landed. There's a story that a radio message was picked up from the pilot to the control tower, saying that one wing had caught fire in the air and that he was trying to land.

However, the case may be, the fact is that the plane, after coming down in a heavy fog, was ablaze on the runway. The flames were engulfing the airliner and in it were eighteen passengers, some of them children,

together with a crew of five.

All praise goes to the Chief pilot Captain Even Lewis, and his crew -- who directed the passengers out of an emergency exit at the rear of the plane. They saw flames all around them, with the fire about to burst into the cabin. As they went out of an emergency door the first out ~~to~~ had to make a jump of ten feet to the runway and took a bump, but outside he found a ladder and put that up, ^{others} and climbed down. The children handed down. Mrs. Edith Gitmar of Dayton, Ohio, was making her first flight -- along with her four children and sixty year old mother. As for the scene of flaming drama she says "I was too busy ~~xxxxxxxx~~ worrying about the children to notice".

All the passengers were out before the crew made their escape -- just as the blast of flame burst into the cabin, ^{with} and the whole plane ~~was~~ an exploding mass of fire.

HEROINE

Staten Island New York, the Freedom Train, a Thanksgiving ceremony -- and a surprise. The star of the occasion, a young woman from Belgium. A Belgian airline hostess, Amanda Stassart. But she had another name during the second World War. To many thousand⁵ she was famous as the mystery woman -- Diane. A patriotic Belgig Belgian girl, good looking and well spoken, she served in the underground that opposed the Nazi conqueror. She was a secret emissary in the escape line for British and American flyers who had to parachute to safety in enemy controlled territory.

She helped scores of Allied flyers to get out, via the underground. But at length she was detected by the Germans. They caught the mysterious Diane.

She was found guilty of espionage, and sentenced to death. But before the sentence could be executed, the allied sweep of British and American armies drove the Germans out -- and Diane was ~~liberated~~ liberated.

Thereafter she resumed her original identity,

Amanda Stassart, and took a job as an airline hostess on Belgian passenger planes. Invited over to this country by the sponsors of the Freedom Train, she was the star of the celebration of Thanksgiving day.

Amanda was playing her part with suitable ~~style~~ style and dignity, ^{today} when in walked two young men, one from Memphis tennessee, the other from Lithonia, Georgia. When Amanda saw them she stared in amazement. She ran to them, threw her arms around them, and kissed them. Memory went back to war days, and once again she was -- the mystery woman, Diane.

The story was told how, in ~~19~~ Nineteen Forty-three, Thomas Applewhite and T.B. Williams, bombardier and machinegunner took to their parachutes when their American bomber was shot down. They landed in Belgian farm country and were lucky enough to contact the anti-Nazi underground. ^{Whereupon} They were placed in ^{the hands of} ~~charge of~~ Diane. *And she proceeded to carry out*

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Whereupon ~~an~~ attractive ~~clever~~ girl performed one of her many exploits. She guided the two flyers along the escape route, escorted them on a trip aboard a crowded train, slipped them past agents of the Gestapo, got them across the frontier into France, and delivered them to underground headquarters there. From which point they were ~~smuggled~~ smuggled across to England.

~~So today they met her again, and found the mysterious Diane to be Amanda Stassart, hostess for the Bas Belgian Airlines.~~

And now, here's Nelson, the loopy man, with a message to hostesses and hosts everywhere.

RING

The news tonight gives us another one of those almost incredible coincidences. The story ~~is~~ comes from Roanoke, Virginia and tells how Mrs. Edwin Godman lost a sapphire and diamond ring in Florida -- two years ago. She missed the ring so much that, a few months after getting home, ^{she} asked a jeweler to keep an eye open for a similar diamond and sapphire ring, and let her know if he located one. He did today - showing her ^{a ring} so like the one ~~is~~ that she had lost, she could hardly believe it was not the same. Well, it was the same, as was proved by the serial numbers. The jeweler got it from a Virginia wholesaler who in turn had procured it from a New York wholesaler, which is as far back as they can trace the matter. Obviously, the ring had been found in Florida and been sold and gone through the channels of commerce -- ^{until} ~~any~~ in a round about way the diamond-and-sapphire-bit-of-jewelry came back to its original owner.

GIFT

At Fayetteville, North Carolina a nineteen year old blonde became the owner of a music store today -- to her utter ^{amazement.} ~~amazement.~~ This is one of those almost incredible stories of the wonderful result of a good deed.

Martha ~~Margaret~~ Culbreth, music store clerk, went on a vacation to Myrtle Beach, the summer just past. In a resort hotel, an old lady sitting in the lobby, asked her for a glass of water. Martha is a kindly young woman. She was only too glad to oblige. She hurried off to procure a glass of water for the old lady -- and then sat down and chatted. Martha has a pleasant way, and liked to be nice to people.

After ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ vacation she thought no more of it and went back to work in the music store at Fayetteville. There, just recently, a man walked into the store, told Martha that he was the son of the old lady whose ~~xxxxx~~ acquaintance she had made during vacation time -- for whom she had got the glass of water. Martha was pleased to hear that, but was

diffident when the gentleman wrote out a check, which he gave to Martha as a birthday remembrance from his Mother. A check for seventy-five hundred dollars. Today Martha said -- she thought he was making fun of her so she was a bit sharp, if not down-right sarcastic when she answered the next thing he said.

He asked her -- "was there anything else she wanted?" To which she replied promptly: "Yes, the music store."

Whereupon the man called over the proprietor of the music store, and asked him how much he wanted for the whole establishment. The owner set a price and the deal was made. Today the final papers were fixed up and handed to Martha -- making the nineteen year old blond owner of the music store.

Sounds like a fairytale -- but that's the story that comes in a dispatch from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

And what have you to add to that Nelson.