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SUBSTITUTE STEEL

A dispatch from Pittsburgh tonight states that Federal Mediators have called a conference between the United States Steel Corporation and the Steel Workers Union ^{to meet} ~~at~~ tomorrow morning at ten. This will be a final attempt to avert a steel strike -- scheduled to begin ~~Friday~~ ^{Saturday} morning.

Today one company yielded to the Union. This afternoon C. I. O. President Philip Murray announced that the Portsmouth Steel Company, an Ohio concern, had signed an agreement accepting the recommendation of the President's Fact Finding Board. This, of course, means a pension and Insurance plan, with the Company paying the full cost of the welfare program. The Portsmouth concern employs about four thousand steel workers, less than one percent of the half a million in the industry. The giants, like U. S. Steel, show no sign of yielding in their demand

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that the Steel Workers should pay part of the cost of a welfare plan.

Something may be accomplished at the Mediation Conference called for tomorrow morning -- ^{but} ~~and~~ they will have to negotiate fast. Today work was ^{already} slowing down at the great steel plants, and picket lines were forming in anticipation of a strike.

FOLLOW SUBSTITUTE STEEL.

and The Auto Workers are saying -- Chrysler next. They won their welfare program in the dispute with the Ford Motor Company -- Ford agreeing to a pension plan in which the company pays the costs. So now the Union is ready to go after the rest of the automobile industry, and the slogan is -- Chrysler next.

TOKYO ROSE

Tokyo Rose was convicted tonight -- in a surprise verdict. The jury had been out for four days -- the longest treason trial this country has ever known. And the general belief was that the case would end in a disagreement -- a hung jury. After four days of disagreement in the jury room, that seemed entirely probable. However, a verdict came in tonight -- guilty on one count.

Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American-born Japanese, did propaganda work for the Tokyo radio during the war -- beaming broadcasts designed to shatter morale of American troops. They didn't shatter -- but now Tokyo Rose is liable to the maximum penalty of -- death. But the prosecution never asked for capital punishment. The minimum sentence is five years in prison -- for Tokyo Rose.

GOVERNMENT PAY

The Senate says okay to the President's proposal for a pay raise to be given to top government officials. The Senate also says -- BUT. The bill passed this afternoon carries a rider proving that the hike depends on whether or not the Administration balances the Budget, without raising taxes. If that is not done - not a nickel more for the Cabinet members and heads of the great government agencies. The measure now goes to the House of Representatives, and it remains to be seen if the Congressmen will agree with that proviso -- a balanced budget without a tax increase, if there is to be a pay raise.

BRITAIN

A vote was taken in the London House of Commons today. The result - as expected. The Labor Party has a decisive majority, and the question at issue was a motion by Winston Churchill's Conservatives, a motion of no-confidence. That was rejected by three hundred and fifty to two hundred and twelve.

MOLOTOV

Today some interesting sidelights were revealed of events that led to our present situation in Soviet Russia. The further Memoirs of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt are appearing in McCall's Magazine, and the former First Lady tells of White House experience during wartime days, when we were dealing with the Soviets as an ally.

There was the time when Moscow Foreign Minister Molotov came as a guest of President Roosevelt. "One of the White House valets," writes Mrs. Roosevelt, "was quite astounded when he unpacked Mr. Molotov's bag to find a large chunk of black bread, a roll of sausage, and a pistol." Seems as if Molotov was afraid of going hungry. He must also have feared he might get into a gunfight.

Mrs. Roosevelt says that F.D.R. never thought that a permanent understanding with Russia would be easy. But he had, in her words, "a real liking for Marshal Stalin himself."

BASEBALL

The pennant races in the two Major Leagues are so close ^{and} exciting that they are nationwide news, and today the Brooklyn Dodgers regained the lead. The Dodgers won a double header from Boston, and the St Louis Cardinals lost again to Pittsburgh. Which puts the Dodgers ahead by -- a half a game.

POLICEMAN

In Des Moines, Traffic Policeman Harold Grossnickle has had a busy week. Somehow, the Des Moines motorists ~~had~~^{have} been unusually careless, and Officer Grossnickle has been busy all day long - writing out parking tickets.

Today the sad news came to light - sad for Grossnickle, but glad for a lot of automobile drivers. Grossnickle, in making out all those parking tickets, dated them "September Thirty-First!" There ain't no September Thirty-First. So it's love's labor lost - if a traffic policeman can be said to have any love in him.

PRECEDE RECORDING

On Monday of this week we had a headline - that Soviet Russia and the Chinese Communists have their eyes on the remote country of Tibet, because of - uranium. It was reported that, on the roof-of-the-world, there were deposits of the stuff of the atomic bomb. So what have we tonight? Another broadcast from Tibet, something to be set against the background of uranium reported in the land of the Lost Horizon.

Lowell Thomas and his son are far from newspapers and radio news. -- a for Tibet. Right now a rescue team is on its way to pick up Lowell, who has been injured. The broadcast that we have was made when the expedition was pushing on to the Forbidden City of Lhasa. In that remote land, the adventurers could have no hint of the news about uranium deposits in Tibet. So now let's hear from Lowell Thomas, Junior, in a recorded broadcast.

WEDDING

London had its royal wedding today - an Earl marrying a Commoner. The King, Queen, and all the court, were there, and the common people thronged and cheered, as the Earl of Harewood, eleventh in the line of succession to the British crown, married Marian Stein, twenty-two year old Austrian refugee, who was born above a tobacco shop in Vienna. The Earl is a music critic on a London paper, and the bride is a musician - their mutual interest in music drawing them together.

YUGOSLAVIA

It is believed that the Soviet satellites will follow the example of the Moscow government, which today renounced its treaty with Yugoslavia - the ~~one~~-time puppet now at bitter feud with the official world of Communism behind the Iron Curtain. It was only four years ago that the treaty was signed.

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Lowell Thomas, Junior, had his eyes open in that strange and ancient land, looking for signs of mineral wealth - gold or precious gems. If he had heard the news that has been flashing in the outside world, news of the world struggle for power, for the material for ever newer, ever more deadly weapons buried in the ground, he would have been thinking about uranium in those cliffs and mountains of Shangri-la. But all that news has emerged since Lowell left for the Himalayas. It's a type of drama in which the actor on the stage does not know - but we, the audience, do know. And now, Nelson, what do you know?