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TRUMAN BALKS, SO WILSON WALKS

THE PRESIDENT firmly announced his decision on the big question last week... He changed his mind on the steel business... Wilson proposed apparently modest price hikes to management...

Then Messrs. Small and Putnam talked to the President... Mr. Truman decided the steel companies could perhaps grant the WSB recommendations without picking a price hike... It seems from here that the original mistake, now compounded, was the considerable size of the WSB wage and benefit recommendations...

SMILE, BUSINESSMAN, SMILE

IF WE'VE HEARD it once we've heard it a hundred times. There are variations, but the plaint goes something like this: "With all these blankety-blank taxes, there's just no incentive. All my materials cost more, labor wants more money..."

And how does the businessman's Bible, Business Week, sum up the situation? Take a look: "Builders headed for another big year... For the first time in years, home builders report they have no materials shortage problem..."

McKINNEY WAS RIGHT

DEMOCRATIC National Committee Chairman Frank McKinney, who has had little to be happy about lately, should feel better now... First, the President's decision not to run faced up McKinney's charge that the nation's Democratic machine...

"gives" the convention a free hand the mood of Democratic politicians seems that they're darn well going to take a free hand in selecting the ticket... McKinney's third point was that the President has also been fulfilled, although there is no Korean truce...

From The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

PORTRAIT OF GOVERNMENT

THE Operations Committee on Government Organization has published a fascinating report on the activities of an executive branch, listing all the agencies and departments with the number of persons employed by each... It shows a total of 2,484,510 employees...

Thus after military affairs, veterans affairs, defense mobilization and foreign affairs are taken care of, the Government personnel devoted to what might be called "normal" peacetime domestic affairs comes down to about 42 per cent... Of these, nearly three-fourths, or 306,000, are employed in Cabinet departments...

The High Wire Act



THE UNCERTAINTIES AND ALL - IF YOU SHOULD WAKE UP SOME MORNING AND FIND YOURSELF A WIDOW!

Stevenson Thrust to Front Following Truman Decision

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSON

ONE THING AT least is clear about President Truman's decision: the Stevenson movement will not run again. Perhaps by consent, perhaps by design, it puts the fate of the Stevenson movement in a very hot spot indeed... Stevenson's own state, must also be listed, as may be the delegates in a big chunk of Ohio, and probably Minnesota and Missouri...

Perhaps he will be well on his way to doing just that before these words are printed... Stevenson among Democrats is almost all Northern and border states, from Connecticut to the Rocky Mountain States... Stevenson's own request and communicated to the President before he went off to Key West to make his final decision...

Lettle Put Outy The President is known to have been in a little better mood because the Illinois Governor failed to meet his original generous overture...

Ex-Government Officials Go Out Of Date In Hurry

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nobody gets out of date so fast as the man who used to be a government official... Washington inhabitants have seen so many follow one another to the same jobs so fast it is not unnatural if they have developed an attitude of "what are you waiting around for, old-timer?"...

Not that Wilson intended to linger, but the contrary he seemed to be going. He hadn't been fired. He quit. This robust, red-faced 66-year-old with hair still so brown and plentiful was not at all mournful... He called a news conference at 4 p.m. he said, to sing his swan song...

People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writers name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editor. The News reserves the right to condense.

Question For Mr. Burton

Editor, The News: I HAVE always played my part in helping to nominate my choice for political office. I attended every meeting at the Courthouse to help bring about the nomination of Dwight Eisenhower for President...

Walk To Church For Exercise

Editor, The News: I READ with interest Mr. P. A. Yandke's letter declaring dancing to be evil. I also read Mrs. R. L. Moore's reply. She pointed out that we should look for the beauty in a thing instead of the evil...

Ike Popular In Europe

Editor, The News: I read the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune for March 13 there appears an interesting article by the late General Eisenhower...

Blind Leading The Blind

Editor, The News: This latching on a crowd of nitwits wants to take it easy with a good friend, Mr. Yandke, because he tries to point out the evils of the dancehall...

Drew Pearson's Merry-Ground

Editor, The News: I read with interest your article in the New York Herald Tribune for March 13... It is a completely spontaneous letter. I have...

Reasons Behind Truman Decision

WASHINGTON

FRIENDS of President Truman attribute the following reasons for his historic decision not to run again... First, the wishes of Mrs. Truman; 2. His age—he would have been, if elected, the oldest President ever to take the oath of office...

when the Eisenhower backers were discouraged. At that time, it looked as if Taft would be the Republican nominee, and nothing has utilized Truman's political talents more than the idea of defeating his old critic and enemy, Bob Taft... This view was that Harry Truman would go down in history as a great President, if for nothing else, because he would have done so.

Ike Was Favored

OF all these deterrent factors, perhaps the most important was the probability that Mr. Truman would have to run against Eisenhower... Friends of the President who sat with him on the "hot seat" at which he was asked to give up the job were worried he was over the prospect that Eisenhower would consent to have his name entered in the Democratic column...

Taft Tempted Truman

It was immediately after December 14, 1950, that President Truman seriously considered changing his mind about running. This period coincided with Senator Taft's resignation of his seat in the Senate...