

BOMBING

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It's the same story of bombing tonight, Germans and British striking at each other heavily through the air. Squadrons of Nazi planes flew intermittently over London and other parts of England today, and tonight it's the same. British reports ~~don't~~ indicate ^{ing no} ~~any~~ vast damage in London; but, the Berlin dispatch declares that the Hitler war flyers ^{today} dropped three hundred and thirty thousand pounds of bombs on the capital of the British empire.

The R.A.F. on ~~xxx~~ its side, bombed the usual assortment of Nazi invasion bases and industrial centers. The principal place mentioned ^{today} is the great Krupp Armament works at Essen.

CHAMBERLAIN

The passing of Neville Chamberlain is not without pathos and irony. He retires with an ~~explicit~~ explanation of illness, which may really be the truth of the matter. He recently underwent an operation. But of course his going is hailed as an ouster by people who jeer at Neville Chamberlain as the arch appeaser and the man of Munich.

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It seems all a little unreasonable. Did they want war at the time of Munich, when everybody agrees that Great Britain was not nearly as strong as now? And when the inevitable war came, didn't Prime Minister Chamberlain face it unflinchingly? Didn't he stand as the bitterest kind of enemy of Hitler? But of course he was essentially a man of peace, a businessman to whom war was an almost incomprehensible thing. He cut a pathetic and futile figure in the Norwegian Fiasco, and so had to resign.

Now he's out of the British Government altogether and the event seems to promise new strength in the War Cabinet.

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It leads to the high elevation of two prominent labor leaders, men of vigor and determination. And there's a greater unity of British political elements in the prosecution of the war.

Critical opinion in Britain is still not satisfied.

There is demand for more Cabinet changes, with a drive against Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax.

FOLLOW CHAMBERLAIN

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A demand for further changes in the British Cabinet was voiced in the ~~United States to~~ United States today, but it was very much of an Englishman who did the voicing:—H. G. Wells. He today arrived at New York. "The man I want to see go," declared the famous British author, "is Halifax. I have a feeling, being a British citizen," he added, "that I have never been so misrepresented as by my present Foreign Minister.

Why is H. G. Wells so bitter against Lord Halifax? That's explained by the fact that Lord Halifax is a Catholic and that H. G. Wells doesn't think so badly of Soviet Russia. Referring to the theme of eventual peace, Wells declared: "I should think if Halifax would make the peace, it would be a very unsound one, because of his religious bias against Russia."

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Wells also had something to say about the possibility of the United States going into the war, and here the Wellsian philosophy is a little bit cryptic. He hopes the United States will stay out. "I should prefer," said he,

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"that you would not come in, because your party politics
would swamp anything like a reasonable settlement." It's

not easy to see how the Wellsian mentality twists our party
politics into an obstacle to a reasonable peace. ^{Maybe} ~~Mentality~~

~~he's thinking of the feud between~~
~~twists our party politics into an obstacle to a reasonable~~

~~peace.~~ Woodrow Wilson + Henry Cabot Lodge.

CONFERENCE

There were rumors all day about a meeting between Hitler and Mussolini - rumors from both Berlin and Rome. They grew more and more insistent through the day. And the latest seems to be - yes, the two dictators are meeting. One German report is that Hitler is already on his way, passed through Munich this afternoon, bound for Brenner Pass. The two axis leaders are said to be meeting at that famous pass, historic gateway between Germany and Italy. It isn't known what the two will talk about, but naturally the assumption is that something important is in the making. It would take something important to get the ^{dictators} ~~big-shots~~ together for a personal confab.

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The common supposition is - Spain. This connects ~~xi~~ with a change of plans on the part of Franco's brother-in-law, special Spanish Envoy. He's in Rome, was supposed to leave today - but postponed his departure ~~for~~ for twenty-four hours.

DAKAR

There's a report that martial law has been ~~pre~~ proclaimed at Dakar, where the British and their French supporters sustained a set-back last week. The story comes from London - the headquarters of General DeGualle, who heads the Frenchmen supporting the British cause.

DeGualle states that there's a tense situation at Dakar, with serious friction between the representatives of the government of Marshal Petain and local officials and the people. The account states that the municipal authorities have been dismissed and machine guns posted around the town and in the harbor. Martial law. All this because of the amount of sympathy for Great Britain and the French elements that want to continue the war with Germany. So says the announcement issued at the London headquarters of General DeGualle.

GREECE.

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New signs of a crisis between Italy and Greece.

Today the Athens Government rushed heavy forces of troops to the Albanian frontier. This followed the word that large numbers of Fascist soldiers were being massed on the frontier. The Italians are said to have gathered three new divisions close to the Greek line.

Greece is keenly apprehensive of an attack ordered by Rome. If such a thing should happen, the Greeks will fight it out to the end - so they say. They add that they expect to get help from the British in an emergency, although the situation in the eastern Mediterranean is precarious and perplexing.

BRITISH FLEET

One important question is the state of affairs in the Mediterranean at that narrowest part where the tip of Sicily is only some forty miles across from Africa. The Italians claim they control that short stretch of water off their shore, and thereby have cut the Mediterranean in two - the British fleet unable to get through. If that were true, it would leave the British in control of both the eastern and western Mediterranean, but unable to link their forces.

Today, the London Admiralty tells of a large naval operation just concluded in the eastern Mediterranean. The operation is what the British call - a "Sweep", meaning the fleet sweeps over a large area of sea, a huge circle. British warships started out on Sunday from Egyptian bases, and were on the go until yesterday. They swept to the central Mediterranean. At Malta they landed new contingents of troops reinforcements for that fortress island. Mussolini's squadrons refused to give battle. They retired to their bases. Italian bombers attacked British warships, but

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London claims that no damage was done.

The Admiralty description of this "sweep" does not give any indication that the British naval units penetrated the narrow waters between Sicily and Africa. ^{So} This latest story of naval operation sheds no light on whether or not the Italians control the gate at the middle of the Inland Sea.

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MOSLEMS.

Today is the third of October. It's also the Jewish New Year. And it's still something else. Throughout all of Islam, today is the first day of the month of Ramadan. This, as it happens, ~~w~~ has a war angle.

In Egypt there were cannon salutes - as usual. The booming of cannons heralded Ramadan at Alexandria, Port Said, Suez, and Cairo - all as usual. But for the first time in history the minarets of Mosques are not lighted tonight. In all the time past, since the days of the prophet Mohammed, the Minarets of Mosques have been aglow to herald the month of Ramadan. But now - the black-out of war time. Egypt invaded, and tonight even the Minarets are blacked out at Alexandria, Port Said and Suez. At Cairo, ~~ix~~ however, they were illuminated for several hours. For Cairo is not a strategic point, a military objective, and the Italians have announced that they will not bomb a city of such note in the Mohammedan world.

PARACHUTE

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The United States is forming a unit of parachute troops. That has been rumored - and today it's officially announced. Secretary of War Stimson declares that the first battalion of five hundred parachute soldiers is now being assembled at Fort Benning, Georgia. The sky soldiers consist of volunteers from various infantry regiments in the regular army. The training is to be along German lines. The United States parachutists are to follow the precedent set by the Nazi battalions of the air.

Secretary Stimson, in explaining the new defense move, refers to the fact that the Nazi parachute troops were exceedingly effective, and to this he adds a detail that may sound surprising. It sounds like news. Did you ever hear of a French Commander being captured by parachute troops? I don't recall that this ever came over the press wire, but here's what the Secretary says about the German parachute soldiers:- "They were very successful against the French army. In one or two instances," he goes on, "they **even** captured the

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Commander himself." That's the surprising part of the statement. The Secretary concludes with a formal affirmation that we all more or less know. "Of course," says he, "there was much loss of life among the parachutists which were more or less suicide squadrons. At Rotterdam, ~~X~~ he reminds us, " they actually seized the artillery and captured a most important bridge along the Zuider Zee."

Summarizing, Secretary Stimson describes parachute troops in these words: "An element of modern army equipment."

H And so the United States is to have them.

WILLKIE CAMPAIGN

I don't know what's getting to be the matter with Presidential campaigning in Ameica -- why such unseemly behavior, hostile demonstrations, and even the throwing of missiles. Are we losing our American good sense in politicis? Is the infection of the war abroad making us less agreeable people than we used to be?

Today as Wendell Willkie delivered a rapid fire series of campaign speeches in Pittsburgh, there was very little of the boeing, though one curious thing was this -- in a tenement district a woman hung a sheet out of the window, a sheet on which was written: "Boo Willkie."

ROOSEVELT

On Columbus Day, President Roosevelt will make a radio address of an exceedingly wide scope. It won't be a fireside chat because it will be addressed not only to the United States, but to the entire western hemisphere. Plenty of scope - from Hudson's Bay to Cape Horn. *And the word is that it* ~~is~~ will be non-political. The theme will be - the Progress of the United States Defense Armament." This will be treated as a subject of Pan-American concern, on a Western Hemisphere basis of - one for all and all for one.

Non-political, but it can hardly avoid having some bearing on the charge made by ~~the~~ Republican Candidate *Wendell* Willkie - that the National Defense Program is bogging down, inefficiently handled. The presidential armament talk can hardly be anything but an answer to the Willkie accusation.

WILLKIE

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Here's a headline - "Willkie wins." It's a little too early to tell about the election. So our headline tonight takes this form:- Willkie wins a prize for submitting a question to a quiz program.

In a kids' quiz hour, staged in Chicago, the Republican candidate sent in a question, which is now pronounced to be a prize winner. Here is the way it reads: "You ~~are~~ children who have been fortunate enough to have been reared in a Democracy. Will you explain what you expect from your Government?" So asked Wendell Willkie. Answers to questions on the program were given by children from eight to fifteen years old in the Chicago school area. They answered to the Willkie question without knowing that it had been submitted by the Republican candidate.

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Here's a prize-winning answer - from Van Dyck Tiers, aged thirteen. "I think," he responded, "that in a Democracy children should expect to have freedom and not be clapped into military schools in preparation for war."

A somewhat ^{highly}
~~it seems like~~ reasonable answer to a pertinent
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question.

SERIES

Well, the World Series certainly has bucked up.

Yesterday, the star was Buck Newsom ^{of the Tigers.} Today it was Bucky Walters ^{of}
the Reds.

^ Buck pitched a great game, but today Bucky was still greater.

He hurled a three-hitter. To be sure, he yielded three runs.

But that was because he had a couple of streaks of wildness.

Like passing the first two men up in the first inning. Without

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the wildness he ~~would~~ would have had a shut-out.

There hasn't been a World Series game as good as a
three-hitter since wild Bill Hallahan of the St. Louis Cards
pitched in the series of Nineteen Thirty-One. He too held
the opposition ^{to} three hits - the Philadelphia Athletics. Here's
a coincidence. Nine years ago Wild Bill Hallahan in his
triumph was caught by Jimmy Wilson. Who caught Bucky Walters
today? ^{Why,} ~~Why,~~ that same Jimmy Wilson - now a graying veteran.

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With today's Cincinnati victory, five to three, the
series is tied. And it's due to buck up some more. There'll
be more pitching by those two stars, Buck and Bucky.

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And now some MU Blue pitching
by Hugh while I say s-h-u-t-o-u-t!