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Today's war news is mostly from Moscow. Not good news, though, for the Red Army. Moscow says the Soviet forces are holding all along the line - except in one sector. But, that's the vital sector - the area in front of the key city of Minsk, the center of Russian communications. ~~That is~~ Where the drive of the blitzkrieg has been the hardest - ~~the~~ Hitler's vast mechanized power hurled to cut a wedge in the defending ^{Red} line.

Moscow today tells of a Red Army withdrawal from areas of Poland and ~~the~~ Lithuania, nearly all of Lithuania. So the Germans have driven to the former Soviet border - Russia proper. There they ^{are} ~~are~~ in the vicinity of Minsk. Moscow says the withdrawal was made only after furious resistance - in which a heavy defeat was inflicted on the Panzer legions. This ties in somewhat with previous hints from Berlin - intimating that the mechanized push had been checked, but then went blasting ^{ahead}.

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According to the Moscow picture, the Panzers have rolled a hundred and twenty miles by now, cutting a wedge that deep in the front where the Red flag flies. The same old wedge tactics of the blitzkrieg, ripping through for a deep

salient in the hope of splitting the hostile army into halves. That was the strategy the German generals used in the downfall of France.

The Soviet forces must now ~~make~~ make their supreme stand in front of the transport center of Minsk. There they are said to have powerful fortifications, defense lines built previously - in the time before Hitler and Stalin divided ~~the~~ Poland. Those previous border fortifications, which the Red Army constructed for years, are called the Stalin line. We've had plenty of lines in this war - the Maginot Line having been the most famous. Then there was the Mannerheim Line in ~~the~~ Finland and the Metaxas Line in Greece. Now - the Stalin Line. There tonight the Red Army is defending itself against what ~~threatens~~ threatens to be a catastrophe. If the Panzer divisions break through and ~~drive~~ drive on, they might envelope the whole southern Russian Army. London believes the Hitler purpose is to thrust straight at Moscow - partly for the political effect that would have on the Soviet peoples.

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The German official bulletin today made a striking charge - claiming that when Hitler struck, Stalin's Army was poised for a blow of its own. Was ready to launch an attack on Nazi Germany. Berlin says that ^{when} ~~when~~ the Germans assaulted, they found that the Red Army was posted, not for defense - ~~but~~ but in formations badly adapted for defensive purposes. That's the reason the Nazi forces scored quick and slashing victories to begin with. - So says Berlin. The Soviet forces were stationed for attack, and then suddenly had to defend.

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Berlin continues to claim that the Soviet transport system behind the line is being disrupted by incessant attack. By air bombing, and, says Berlin "by other means". This reference to other means is taken to signify action by parachute troops or something of the sort. And this indeed is confirmed by Moscow, which tells of large forces of Nazi parachute troops dropped in Russian territory for the purpose of attacking Soviet communications and starting fifth column movements among ~~anti~~ anti-Stalin elements. The Soviet adds that the parachute attack has been completely defeated - the soldiers from the sky wiped out.

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The Berlin story of assault on communications is accompanied by an explanation of the ~~km~~ continued reticence of the Nazi High Command. That has been a puzzle and once more today there was no official statement of the progress of the battle in detail, no mention of localities captured - nothing but generalities. This - after repeated promises that a full and informative statement would be forthcoming. Today's explanation is that the attack on Red Army communications, with wedges driven into the Soviet battlefront, has caused sections to lose contact with each other. Hence, Soviet commanders may be ignorant of advances by the blitzkrieg forces, may not know just where the Germans are. And a detailed German account ~~of comment~~ might give them valuable information. Hence, the silence.

Here's a wild rumor originating in Turkey. It states that the Soviet government is planning to leave Moscow and retire eastward -- away back to the Ural mountains. And this same Turkish rumor tells of what is styled -- a "big anti-Soviet plot". This conspiracy against the Stalin Government is said to have been discovered in Moscow, and thousands have been arrested.

In the Soviet capital today arrived the British military mission headed by the British Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps. Four high officers accompanied him. Headed by Lieutenant General Mason MacFarlane. They ^{are} ~~are~~ confabulating with the Soviet High Command.

Another nation has declared war -- Hungary. The Budapest Premier made the announcement today in these words:-
"A state of war has been established between Hungary and the U.S.S.R."

This means that Nazi Germany has now lined up five nations against the Soviets - five under Hitler control or influence:- Italy, Rumania, Slovakia, Finland; and now Hungary.

In addition, other countries, though not belligerent, have declared ~~themselves~~ themselves hostile to the realm of Stalin: occupied France and the occupied countries of Denmark and Norway, and also Spain. ^{Then to,} Sweden has permitted Nazi troops to pass across Swedish territory to fight Soviet forces. Great Britain is protesting, but the understanding in London is that the Churchill government will not break diplomatic relations with Stockholm.

SUBMARINE

Today began the naval inquiry into the tragic sinking of the submarine O-9. The old and reconditioned undersea boat was in good shape. In better shape than most of the reconditioned craft of the Navy. So said Commander Peecher, Commander of the submarine division to which the O-9 was assigned.

As for the talk that the men aboard the ill-fated craft knew that things were wrong, Commander Peecher stated there had been only what he called -- "few and unimportant complaints. He thought that the disaster might have been caused by an internal explosion.

PLANE

The biggest airplane in the world had a successful test flight in California today. There was a gasp when the Douglas Giant, after a run of two thousand feet, took to the air - and then wavered uncertainly. Nerve-tingling suspense. Until the four two-thousand horsepower motors pulled the flying battleship up into the sky. Two hundred and twelve feet of wing span, a total ~~of~~ weight of eighty-two tons when loaded with bombs. Today, without a load - fifty tons. A test flight from Santa Monica to March Field, sixty miles away. And then ^{to a} ~~the~~ perfect landing.

APPROPRIATION

The Senate today passed by a unanimous vote the biggest Army appropriation bill in the history of the United States - over ten billion. A hundred and fifty-nine million more than Congress voted for the Army in the last War.

The Senate stayed in session all day today, although it's the usual custom to adjourn as a mark of respect when a Senator dies. This was not done today, in the case of the demise of the eighty-seven year old Senator Andrew Jackson Houston of Texas, who had only been in the Senate for a few weeks. The aged son of Sam Houston who was Commander-in-Chief in the Texas war of Independence.

ARMY

The Army is making a move to get ~~rid~~ rid of
a lot of ~~ineff~~inefficient officers. Today the War
Department asked Congress to pass a law to permit this.
It appears that right now the regulations are such that ^{it's}
~~it is very~~ difficult to get unfit officers out of the Army.
So the War Department wants Congress to make this possible --
a purge of Army officers who are not up to their jobs.

LABOR

Some labor news:- The Government is going to ask employers and labor in the defense aircraft industry to form a stabilization agreement -- no strikes. This was announced today by Sidney Hillman, associate director of the Office of Production Management.

Defense authorities are concerned by a strike at the Dow Chemical Company at Midland, Michigan. That plant produces one of the most important substances used in our construction, magnesium. A union group called a strike today, and established a picket line.

OIL

From Washington comes the definite word -they're going to build pipelines to meet the threatened oil shortage in the Eastern States. This was announced by deputy Oil Coordinator Ralph K. Davies after a conference with thirty-five representatives of the oil industry, the big men of petroleum, went over the whole situation.

Tankers for aid to Britain, taken from the transport lines supplying the Atlantic Coast. Shortage of oil, in consequence Possibility of gasolineless Sundays, and ~~the~~ lack of fuel oil for home heating. What to do about it? The conference today decided - build more pipelines through which oil may flow from fields of the southwest to eastern states. The oil industry is going to do it, will construct the pipe lines.

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The question is often asked - why ~~are~~ were not ~~pipe~~ pipelines used all along, instead of tankers? Why isn't it better to have the oil flow through pipes, instead of transporting it by ships? Isn't it cheaper? The answer is,

no. It is not cheaper. ~~But then remember what it costs to~~

build a couple of thousand miles of pipeline - ~~the great~~ ^{right}

~~across this continent, is fabulous,~~
~~cross-country distance from the southwest to the northeast.~~

Also the cost of maintenance and pumping - power pumping over mountain ranges.

Experts of the oil industry give us an interesting ~~schedule~~ schedule of costs. The most expensive way of transporting oil is the tank truck running along the road. The next most expensive is the railway tank car. Then comes the pipeline. And finally, cheapest of all, the tank ship. The difference in cost is surprising. It goes by threes - a sort of triple play down the line. Oil transport by tank truck is three times as expensive as by railway tank car, which in turn is three times as costly as by pipeline.. And transport by pipeline ~~stands you~~ three times as much as by tank ship. *So All of* *which* ~~it that~~ explains ~~why~~ why the ocean route has been used instead of pipes *lines.*

The emergency, however, introduces another angle - and so today the oil companies agreed with the federal government to construct pipelines from *those distant Texas* ~~the~~ gulf ports to the Atlantic *seaboard.* ~~states.~~

IRELAND

In the news we hear that some American armament may go to Ireland. The Irish have been desirous of getting war equipment over here, but hitherto ~~the~~ Washington has been saying that Lend-lease was meant for ~~nations~~ ^{the democracies} fighting against ~~the~~ ^{totalitarian aggressors -} ~~aggression~~ and Ireland is not in any war. Today, however,

President Roosevelt declared that the Emerald Isle might get some rifles. Rifles - but no cartridges. The President explained that the production of ammunition is lagging, ~~the~~ ~~stuff you shoot from the guns~~. So we haven't any amount that we could conveniently forward to the land of the Gael.

Rifles to Ireland - but with a qualification. ~~The~~ President made it clear that Dublin could get ~~an~~ American guns only by giving definite assurance that these would be used to repel a Nazi attack - if that should happen. The President added that thus far no such assurance has been received. The Irish attitude all along has been that they ~~is~~ ^{would} fight anybody who attacked them. They wanted ~~is~~ weapons to repel any kind of invasion. Which, of course, would apply to the British ~~is~~ as well as to the Germans - and London has said repeatedly that the British navy eagerly wants the use of

West Irish ports. These are of number one importance for repelling the Nazi sea campaign in the battle of the Atlantic.

The President today stated that the question of these West Irish bases has never been taken up by the United States Government -- no discussion of that by Washington and Dublin. He added also that Great Britain has never mentioned the possibility of seizing the Irish ports.

BASEBALL

In baseball, the ~~hit~~ big DiMaggio suspense has become so acute that one can't pass it by. Did Joe get a hit today? Is the streak of ~~32~~ consecutive hitting compiled by the big Yankee outfielder still unbroken? Jolting Joe is out to break the record for consecutive hitting established by George Sisler years ago. Sisler made a safe hit in every game for a series of forty-one games. DiMaggio has arrived so near that mark that the fans, when asking "Who won?" also inquire, "Did Joe get a hit"?

Today, we didn't have to wait long to find out.

In the last several games DiMaggio has had the baseball addicts on edge for not getting his daily hit until his last time at the bat - just barely saving his consecutive string. Nothing like that today. In Philadelphia, for his first time at the bat, the big Italian faced Pitcher Chubby *Deane* - and promptly lined out a single. Meaning - he has now hit safely in thirty-nine games, and only needs to connect safely in his next two games to tie the record. Three to break it.

ADD BASEBALL

Later in the game DiMaggio hit a home run, and that keeps the Yankee homer streak a-going. The team has now hit at least one home run in every game for twenty-two games.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Word from Washington is that the White House is planning to put the entire nation on daylight saving for the duration of the War emergency -- winter as well as summer.

There's a shortage of power, because of the huge amounts of electricity used in the building of war equipment.

And now Hugh have you anything appropriate to add on a hot summer night?