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Ames

SPAIN

A Spanish newspaper in Madrid published the statement that Spain ^{is now} ~~is~~ physically on the verge of battle with Great Britain. This was announced in a newspaper which is the organ of the Falangist Party, the party that in Spain corresponds to the Fascists in Italy and the Nazis in Germany. Spain, says ^{is already} ~~that~~ editorial, ~~is~~ a moral belligerent. And it goes on with a long tirade against the British, saying that ~~no~~ one can fail to consider England as the most direct violator of Spanish destiny.

AFRICA

inguns present tropical desert country.

And these are Italian victories in Africa! ~~They are~~ admitted by the British high command at Cairo; and they appear to be somewhat more significant than was indicated in yesterday's reports.

Mussolini's forces struck into British Somaliland in three Mechanized columns, struck with tanks, artillery, ^{and} aircraft. ~~And~~ They captured three important places in that torrid strip of country on the Gulf of Aden. One place the Italians took is twenty miles inside the border, ^{and} was formerly a British base and the headquarters of the Somaliland Camel Corps. Another place further south and east is fifty miles within the border. But, most important of all, the Italians have occupied a British seaport, Zeila, right on the Gulf of Aden.

During the heated argument between the British and the Italians over Mussolini's Ethiopian conquest, there was some mention of turning that seaport Zeila over to the Italians as a peaceful settlement of the argument. Today the Italians have it, in fact have been there ever since Monday. The British admit it, but at the same time a military spokesman said the possession of Zeila wouldn't do the Italians much good as they haven't got command

of the sea. *This afternoon I had a talk with a traveller and writer, Josef Israel, who has spent considerable time in that part*

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Later in the day came a bulletin that swarms of Italian tanks, planes and camel cavalry are driving ahead towards Berbera, capital of British Somaliland.

There is a strong belief that Mussolini is beginning a stupendous attack on the Suez Canal and Libya. Already there have been ^{many} engagements in the desert. ^{And} The report is that ^{these} they were just

preliminaries. [The British admit that the Italians are on

Egyptian territory. [But that doesn't mean they ^{are} ~~are~~ anywhere near the

Nile. So far they ^{are way deep} ~~are only~~ in the desert. Military experts were

hinting today that if the Duce really has made any such plans he

may be biting off more than he can chew. For that great desert

between the Nile and the Libyan frontier has been described as a military death trap for thousands of years. There are only a few

²oases between the Italians and the inhabited part of Egypt, and

those are heavily manned by British troops. And if the Italians

were to try to advance by way of the road along the coast, they

would be open to fire from British warships.

And today there were more stories in the news of the

impending blitzkrieg on Britain itself. Two weeks ago, Italian

spokesmen were declaring that the blitzkrieg plans had been abandoned. The British, as we heard, refused to be lulled into any security by those tales. Today, Italian sources are again announcing that the blitzkrieg across the Channel is imminent.

The Duce's own newspaper declared that the finishing touches are being put on the preparations for the invasion of ~~the~~ Britain. island. The greatest secrecy surrounds ~~these~~ ^{the} preparations and great surprises are ~~being prepared.~~ *said to be coming.*

CUDAHY

It looks as though there might be ^{repercussions} ~~the deuce to pay over~~
^{over} those remarks by the ~~Honorable~~ John Cudahy, United States
Ambassador to Belgium. One of his remarks quoted yesterday, ~~was~~
that Belgium ^{would face} ~~was facing a~~ famine unless we sent them food —
through the British blockade.

First of all, ^{this was} ~~those remarks were~~ resented in London.
The British Minister of Economic Warfare said that any future
famine in Europe will not be due to the British blockade but
to the fact that the Nazis are providing for the people in the
Reich ^{rather} ~~better~~ than for the people they have conquered, ~~or else~~ ^{and due}
to a breakdown in the machinery of German distribution. The
British Ministry then quoted official declarations made by the
Nazis that there was ample food supply not only for Germany but
for all territory occupied by Germanys. The British also put
out the reminder that they had made it clear to everybody,
including the United States, that no contraband destined for
territory controlled by ~~the~~ Axis will be allowed through the
blockade.

On top of that, Ambassador Cudahy's remarks appear

to have aroused unfriendly attention in Washington. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, made public the news that the State Department has asked Ambassador Cudahy for the text of his remarks, ^{the} ~~x~~ text plus explanation. Meanwhile word comes from Paris of people starving there. And this word comes from one of Anne Morgan's ambulance drivers who has just returned to America. The starvation stories he tells are appalling - also of the way the German aviators shot down helpless civilian refugees - in direct contradiction of the Cudahy statement about no German atrocities.

FRANCE

In devastated France, hundreds of people are in jail, arrested for looting. In one city alone, one hundred people were taken up by the police for that. Elsewhere the authorities are giving people warning, three days grace to return what they took from army warehouses after the retreat began.

It is being debated whether the seat of the Petain Government will be moved from Vichy to Paris and Versailles, and how soon. Vice-Premier Pierre Laval, with his daughter, passed through the German lines early today on his way to Paris. There he will meet the German Civil Administrator for the occupied regions.

CANADA

In Canada, the new Mobilization Act is now a law. The royal assent was given today at Ottawa by Sir Lyman Duff, Deputy Governor-General. That makes all Canadians between the ages of eighteen and forty-five liable for compulsory military training. It provides not only for conscription of manpower, but conscription of wealth and industry. ^{But the latter} ~~But that~~ only in the event of a national crisis more serious than any which looms at present. ^{It} The royal assent was given to what is known as the Treason Act. That law makes it a treasonable offence to commit sabotage, an offense punishable by hanging.

As soon as these and other acts were signed, the Canadian Parliament adjourned until November Fifth. At the same time, the Minister of War Services took occasion to announce that the Canadian Government will not engage in any high pressure propaganda to influence opinion in the United States. The government had asked an eminent Canadian newspaper man, editor of the ~~REGINA~~ LEADER-POST, ^{of Regina, Saskatchewan,} to make a report in the matter.

In his report, Editor Rogers declared that high powered publicity and propaganda had failed utterly in all democracies to satisfy

either the people, the newspapers or the governments. Then he added that "there is no more justification for interference with the normal flow of news in time of war than in times of peace."

GAYDA

The Axis powers have no intention of bringing the war to the Western Hemisphere. So says Virginio Gayda, the editor who customarily speaks for Mussolini. Italy and Germany, he declared, went into the war to solve certain vital problems in Europe. They limit the war to Europe; the Axis never thought of and never will think of ~~maintaining~~ menacing other continents or of carrying the war to America.

~~The Gayda editorial takes a crack at our Secretary of State. He writes that it seems to him evident that Mr. Hull would like to alarm all the American nations with the threat of war.~~

But that's the way these totalitarian propagandists always argue. And then their chiefs do just the opposite of what they say they'll do.

PROPAGANDA

There's to be a new federal agency, a bureau to fight
propaganda hostile to the American system, subversive propaganda
as it is being called. This was revealed today by Attorney General
Jackson. He explained that ~~this agent and~~ this bureau can ^{now} be
set up by the Department of Justice without any new law to
authorize it. It will operate under the ^{F. B. I.} ~~Federal Bureau of~~
~~Investigation~~. Part of its purpose will be to compile official
documents on foreign propaganda and make them accessible to
everybody. This is one part of the plan for fighting Fifth Column
activities. ^{And it} ~~It was~~ developed ^{out of} ~~during~~ the Conference of Governors, ^{et}
Washington.

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A high ranking naval officer today uttered the warning that there is organized propaganda against military training in this country. The statement came from Rear Admiral Woodward, Commandant of the Third Naval District, in a speech at the World's Fair. He said some people are trying to persuade the American public that the duties of national defense are not necessary. Without military training, he said, national security is a fool's paradise.

CONSCRIPTION

Tempers flared and angry words flew in Congress today over the ticklish topic of conscription. The dispute started yesterday, when New Deal Senator Minton of Indiana took a crack at young Senator Rush Holt of West Virginia, *an opponent of the bill.* ~~who is against conscription,~~ Minton said Holt came from a slacker family. Holt got up on the floor of the Senate today to resent it, ^{and} said the Indiana Senator had made a venomous attack on his dead father. Holt ⁺ said, moreover, that Minton had stated facts wrongly. Minton brought the accusation that Dr. Holt had preached against the campaign to raise food for American soldiers during the World War. *Young Rush* ~~Senator~~ Holt declares that what his father really said was, "There is nothing too good for our boys who are fighting, but there isn't anything bad enough for the men who sent them over there." Holt also denied that his brother went to South America to hide out during the War. On the contrary, he was in Mexico, returned to the United States, and registered voluntarily for the draft.

Holt wound up with a ^{counter-}crack that Minton, ~~for his part,~~

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~~had~~ got married August Seventeenth, Nineteen Seventeen, ^{hinting that} ~~the object of said matrimony was that it was in order to escape the draft.~~

After ^{Sen,} Holt had finished, Senator Minton rose and proclaimed
" ~~that~~ parliamentary procedure would not permit ^{me} ~~him~~ to express the
contempt ^o ~~he~~ holds for the Senator from West Virginia. " As for the
crack about his marriage, Senator Minton said he ^{actually got} ~~had~~ married
three months after he was already in the army.

The subject of liquor then came into the controversy.
Senator Josh Lee of Oklahoma jumped into the fight. He took
exception to Holt's remark that Senator Minton yesterday ~~was~~ ~~was~~
in no shape to be on the floor. Senator ^{Josh} Lee bore witness that
he went over ^{and} ~~and~~ asked Senator Minton to blow his breath in his
face and, said Senator Lee, there was not one scintilla of
liquor on the breath of the Senator from Indiana. He said,
what's more, in all the years he had served in the Senate, he
had never at any time detected intoxicating liquor on Senator
Minton's breath. Thereupon Senator Holt replied:- "I'm glad to
see the Senator from Oklahoma has become an expert on halitosis."

In the House of Representatives, proceedings were
decidedly more harmonious, ^{more} harmonious than yesterday, at
any rate. The Military Affairs Committee of the House decided to

reopen the hearings on the Conscription Bill. The Committee members changed their mind about not hearing further testimony.

Previously, they had voted against inviting ~~the appearance of~~

former Secretary of War Harry Woodring and General Pershing ^{to appear.}

Today they decided that they would invite Woodring and Pershing,

also Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, Louis Johnson,

former Assistant Secretary of War, and Brigadier-General Hugh S.

Johnson, popularly known as "Old Iron Pants."

SOUP

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A crusade started in New York today. It was not a war crusade, it's one which its champion says will ~~pridemgxx~~ prolong rather than destroy life. This champion says he is going to keep on with his crusade until every American man, woman and child learns the secret. And what is that secret? Soup!

Ah, but it's quite a special kind of soup. It is called aqua-pressure soup. And, says its champion, aqua-pressure soup will make all Americans healthier, ~~xxx~~ all Americans happier, and, not to put too fine a point upon it, more numerous. For one of the results of aqua-pressure soup is to increase the population.

The champion of this new crusade is Mr. Lum Fong. His aqua-pressure-soup-gospel was conveyed to a palpitating public today by Staff Writer Asa Bordages of the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM. Brother Bordages reports that evidently Mr. Lum ^{Fong} partakes of that aqua-pressure soup for he's not only portly but cherubic in appearance. The secret of aqua-pressure soup is ancient Chinese recipes, recipes many centuries old. Mr. Lum runs a restaurant but he ^{blantly} ~~blantly~~ disclaimed the suggestion that his notion was a plug for his restaurants. For, said he, you'd have to give us

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