

The latest from the southwest Pacific pictures giant American battleships hurling a deluge of shells against the Japanese base at Kavieng in New Ireland.

A hundred tons of high explosive miss^liles hit the Japs

At the same time, American forces have seized a couple of islands in the St. Mathias group. Only slight resistance encountered, and the capture of the islands seems to be connected with ^{the} ponderous naval bombardment of Kavieng. The new American acquisitions in the St. Mathias group are north of Kavieng, and outflank both that base and ~~also~~ Rabaul - cutting off the Japanese lines of reinforcement.

NAVY

The Navy Department in Washington announces the sinking of fifteen more Japanese ships by American submarines. And in London the word today is - seven

Jap vessels destroyed by British subs. *Thirteen top*

A General MacArthur ^{is} announces ^{ment of} the wiping out of an enemy ^{with U.S.} convoy of five ships off New Guinea, ~~United States~~

bombers ^{doing} ~~did~~ that job.

All of which adds up to a total of twenty-seven more Jap ships consigned to the bottom of the Pacific - ~~with Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox telling us today that our Far Eastern enemies face an acute supply problem, because of their loss of ships.~~

In Congress today it was charged that a Navy task force was trapped by the Japs in Alaskan waters, because of what is called - "bungling." The bungling *is blamed on* ~~is said to have been the blame of~~ the Federal Communications Commission. Representative Louis Miller of Missouri made the accusation, but gave no details of what happened when the Navy task force was trapped - "some time ago," it is said. The only naval engagement that would correspondent to the alleged event was one in which our forces sustained what was described as - "minor damage."

The charge of bungling was answered by the F.C.C. Chairman, James L. Fly, who replied by calling the story - "irresponsible! Throwing a sneak-punch." And he said the allegation by the Congressman was made in the hopes of catching a headline with what the Chairman called "his daily booby trap."

BURMA

The news from Burma is not good - with word today that the Japs now are within fifteen miles of the border of India. This is stated in a communique from the headquarters of Lord Louis Mountbatten, a communique which explains that the Japs have surged across the Chindwin River in upper Burma, and are continuing what the Mountbatten bulletin calls - "a general westward movement."

FOLLOW BURMA

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foundations of a cooperative effort whereby small peace-loving nations will be enabled to live in peace and security.

The Secretary of State argues that the American, British, Russian discussions ^{have} ~~will~~ eliminate ^d ₁ the need of spheres of influence, alliances and balance-of-power arrangements. He decries the sort of set-up through which, as Secretary Hull says, "in the unhappy past the nations strove to safeguard the security and promote their interests." ^{TR.} A watch must be kept on aggressors until such war-making nations demonstrate their good-will and ability to live at peace. And economic measures must be taken to see that the raw materials and markets of the world are fairly open to all.

~~Secretary Hull, in his Seventeen Points, reaffirms the pledge of the Atlantic Charter, according~~

LEAD HUNGARY

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Nazi satellite, is now in the condition of a conquered ~~land~~ ^{country} - with a hundred thousand German troops in full control.

We hear that the purpose of the Hitler move was partly to persuade Rumania to stay in line - Rumania already invaded by the triumphant forces of the Soviet. ~~(Admiral Horthy's government in Hungary seems to have had ideas of getting out of the war, and the Nazis acted to check that. And the other Balkan satellites have jittery notions about the possibility of making a separate peace which now may be discouraged by what happened to Hungary. Apparently, the Nazis ~~are~~ ~~moving~~ ~~in~~ ~~an~~ ~~effort~~ ~~to~~ ~~show~~ ~~that~~ ~~they~~ ~~can~~ ~~still~~ ~~keep~~ ~~the~~ ~~underdogs~~ ~~under~~ ~~foot.~~)~~

FOLLOW HUNGARY

One late story is that Hungarian deputies, who escaped from the Nazi occupation of Budapest last night, are trying to form a new independent government - anti-Hitler.

The Soviet advance is now a front fifty miles wide, and is rolling on at top speed. Red army troops have cut the last railroad line left to the Germans in northern Bessarabia, and are within immediate sight of the last barrier which is the barrier between Bessarabia and Rumania proper.

Moreover, the Rumanians are within sight of the Carpathian Mountains, and that has a good deal to evoke reflections. There has been a good deal of surprise that the new line which the Germans might try to form after their loss of all their conquests in Russia, would be along the Carpathians - a steep and rugged range. Russia is a vast flat plain, and the Carpathians are the first chain of mountains to be

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encountered all the way west from the Urals, which border Siberia.

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MONTGOMERY

Here is something about the Second Front from an officer who should know - General Montgomery, the British leader of victories, who is to command the Allied ground forces in the invasion.

"The Second Front ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ has already ^{said he.} begun, ["] It is now going on."

In an interview with a United Press ~~war~~ Correspondent, ^{Monty of El Alamein} Edward Beattie, ~~Montgomery~~ stated that the bombers that blast Nazi Germany and its armament have already begun a second front.

"When the Germans have been sufficiently stunned," he added, ^{then we'll} ~~we will~~ invade ~~them.~~"

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WAR CRIMINALS

The French execution of Pierre Pucheu, former Minister of the Vichy Government, on charges of pro-Nazi treason - is followed by a British declaration concerning British traitors. Foremost among them is Lord Haw-Haw, ~~who in Berlin shoots Nazi radio propoganda in the direction of Britain. He is William Joyce, formerly known in London literary circles, whose exaggerated top lefty English accent has won the jeering nickname of "Lord Haw-Haw." And then there are other Britishers too, who are doing Hitler's work on the German radio - not forgetting some Americans who are likewise playing the traitor part.~~

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~~No. This was stated in Parliament by Major Clement Attlee~~

ITALY FOLLOW VESUVIUS

~~And the violence of war was, in Italy,~~
~~concentrated amid the heaps of rubble and fallen~~
~~masonry that was once~~ ^{by} the town of Cassino, The situation
~~there~~ seems to be none too good for the New Zealand
~~soldiers,~~ who occupy ^{ied} most of ~~the town,~~ after the
cataclysmic Allied bombardment a week ago. Not only
are the Germans hanging on to their corner of Cassino,
but they have been reinforced again - and that represents
a surprise for the Allied command.

The enemy reinforcements crept forward
through deep gulleys, where they were protected from
American and British fire. - But that was the least
astonishing part of it. German troops made their way
likewise through an ancient tunnel built by the
Benedictine monks centuries ago. The peoples of
antiquity and the Middle Ages had a fancy for
subterranean passages, and it appears that the old time

monks of Monte Cassino drove a tunnel from their historic monastery toward the town, a tunnel three-quarters of a mile - ending ~~in~~ an ancient Roman amphitheatre. This relic of classic antiquity presents the usual ruins of the circular kind of ^{an} ~~area~~ that the Romans built. And today into the amphitheatre, German soldiers emerged from underground, coming through the monastic tunnel. The arena is half a mile south of Cassino, and the Nazi garrison there constitutes a flanking threat to the New Zealand troops within the town. And that makes a menacing situation.

Meanwhile, The New Zealanders have lost the wreckage of the hotel in Cassino which they seized yesterday. The enemy has recaptured it, though the Australians later made a comeback and tonight were ~~coming~~ ^{cutting} around to the rear of what once was the Continental Hotel.

~~Allied~~

~~Tonight's bulletin reads: "The struggle for Cassino continues. The enemy is reinforced in ^{his} strong points, and is fighting stubbornly. The enemy," adds the communique, "has the advantage of observation and ^{his} shelling of the Cassino town has increased."~~

Once again the old story - the Germans hold the high ground. They occupy the ruins of the Monastery, and they are perched on top of other hills. This enables them to observe every move of the Allies, and gives their guns the great advantage of firing downward.

~~Meanwhile, the battle, hitherto concentrated at the point of Cassino, has spread somewhat along the fighting front, and artillery duels and battles between patrols are reported along the rivers on which the front is based.~~

YESUVIUS

There has been
~~Late this afternoon, there was~~ another

stupendous blast from the inferno near Naples, another giant explosion of Vesuvius. It occurred at half past five, and all traffic in the streets of Naples halted. Everybody stopped and stared - as new huge clouds of smoke darkened the sky, smoke pouring from the fiery crater ~~xxxx~~ only a few miles away. Native citizens and American soldiers gaped in awe at the upsurge of volcanic violence, which hurled flame and smoke and rocks more than five thousand feet into the air.

And with that climax this afternoon, the present ~~series~~ ~~of~~ eruptions of Vesuvius are now rated as the greatest since the Year Seventy-Nine A.D., when the volcano in its most historic ^{*outbreak*} ~~eruption~~ buried the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Fantastic descriptions come - especially from American soldiers who are doing relief work in the

sections where the rivers of burning lava are pouring over the land. They tell how sizzling walls of molten stone, rising sixty to seventy feet high, push down the slopes and engulf one village after another. The tremendous heat of the lava, estimated at more than two thousand degrees Fahrenheit, sets fire to things before it touches them. As it draws near, houses, fences and trees burst into flame. And then the thrusting river of incandescent rock pushes over stone structures, which are pulverized like eggshells.

United Press Correspondent Eleanor Packard

describes a particularly fantastic scene:— "One of the most terrifying spectacles ^{she writes} was when the lava flow reached a well of water. ~~she writes~~ "I saw the fiery stream ooze up around the well and finally spill over and down. In the blink of an eye," she adds, "the water turned into steam and shot to the sky with a

spine-tingling whosh."

Today the Allied military government reports that fourteen thousand people are fleeing homeless - in addition to the seventy-five hundred reported yesterday as fugitives from the volcano. (And more

villages are being evacuated by American and British troops and Italian carabinieri. The roads near Vesuvius are clogged with refugees. The story for months in Italy has told of refugees from war, and now it's the pity of people fleeing with their poor belongings, from an elemental force of Nature, volcanic fire, which makes the violence of mankind and its war seem puny.)

POLYGAMY

The sensational polygamy trial at Salt Lake is producing some interesting testimony. Seven of the accused polygamists, who belong to a sect opposed by the official Mormon Church, have confessed to the practice of plural marriage. And the evidence discloses stories like the following:

It is related that Heber K. Cleveland, forty-two years old, promised his six-day-old daughter in marriage to David B. Darger, who ^{was then} ~~is~~ forty-one - the marriage to occur when the baby became fourteen. Fourteen plus forty-one equals fifty-five. So the marriage was to have been between a fifty-five year old bridegroom and a fourteen year old bride. According to the testimony, the bridegroom, when he was engaged to the six day old fiance, was already the husband of one legal and two plural wives. A letter of his was quoted today, a letter from him to his presumptive

father-in-law. Speaking of the baby, he wrote:

"I often drop in and see 'angel-blue-eyes'. She loves me and lets me know it. And ~~I~~ do I love her! She is a very gay joy to look forward to having some day."

In another case, a fourteen year old girl is said to have been kidnapped by a father of thirty-three children ^{and} his plural wife ^{who acted in behalf of} ~~and~~ a seventy-one year old bridegroom. The bridegroom is accused of having entered into a marriage with the fourteen year old girl -

"a celestial or plural marriage", as the indictment phrases it. It is further stated that the seventy-one year old bridegroom ^{was} aided by the persuasion of a sixty year old woman ^{who} convinced the fourteen year old bride that - "celestial marriage was essential to her salvation", as the statement was made today. Two children were born of ~~the~~ ⁺ plural marriage.

In another case, the legal wife of a polygamist

did the wooing in behalf of her husband. She, in the words of the legal indictment, "proposed plural marriage to Mary Ford." The courtship worked okay, and the husband of the wife who made the proposal married Mary Ford in ~~xxxxx~~ a secret ceremony at Salt Lake City.

In still another instance, a polygamist married a fifteen year old girl under circumstances which the legal testimony describes as follows: "openly before his wife and children, thereby causing some domestic difficulties." I should think there would have been domestic difficulties, but the story goes on to allege that the husband violated the Mann Act by taking the fifteen year old plural wife from Utah across to Arizona, to his legal wife's home.

I suppose that few of us will pretend to understand the profound ~~xxxxxxxx~~ subtleties of marriage, and all this pluralistic business as described in the


Salt Lake trial will leave us a bit baffled and bewildered, if not obfuscated and non-plussed.

And Roger, if you are not too obfuscated, let's hear from you.

FINLAND

Here's a late bulletin - from Moscow. The Soviet Information Bureau states that Finland has rejected the terms of peace advanced by the Soviets, the conditions for an armistice. And therefore Finland assumes what the Russians call - "all the responsibility for future events."

Which would seem to indicate that ideas about Finland withdrawing from the war are out, for the present at least.



ADD FINLAND

Previously in the day, the Finns had explained their side, saying the terms of the Soviet offer were so hard as to be unacceptable.

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got to make up for that."

The Deputy Price Administrator replied that Britain is faced with difficulties concerning coal, and he conceded that some of this had to do with strikes. "They have had a labor problem," said he.

He passed along the opinion that we over here are not likely to have rationing, so far as the coal users are concerned, but thought that it might be necessary to ration dealers - by allocating to them limited supplies of coal.

ADD COAL

The latest is - a ruling by the War Production Board that the rationing of coal ^{to consumers} will not be necessary next winter. ~~The present system will continue - a system of distribution by dealers under Production Board control. And there will be no substantial reduction in the supplies of coal released to the people who heat their houses.~~

And still another bulletin, just in tonight, ~~xxxxxx~~ tells us that there is a new coal strike in Britain. Today in Yorkshire, fifteen thousand miners walked out and closed eight mines - in a complicated wage dispute.

SAILORS

Today a party of sailors visited the White House, where they delivered four hundred letters from members of the National Maritime Union - the crew of an American transport. They ~~read~~ ^{wrote} the President to run for a fourth term. The letters were in seven different languages, one of which was English, I hope. *English!*
The tongue of Shakespeare and *Hugh James*.

FRANCE

The State Department in Washington today was angry, and issued a wrathful denial. ~~The indignation of our diplomatic office is hardly to be wondered at, when you consider the kind of story that was denied.~~ Reports have been circulating that when France is liberated, the United States intends to deal with Vichy. That is - do business with the Petain outfit which, now actively headed by pro-Nazi Laval, is obediently doing dirty work for Hitler. The State Department roundly denies these tales as absurd, and intimates they are being put out by someone for a purpose. "Evidently inspired," says the State Department.

By whom? - the question asks itself.

Well, the stories that the United States plans to deal with Vichy ~~and~~ liberated France come to us from Algiers, and originate in French circles there. The State Department does not make the charge in so many

words, but the supposition is that the yarns are being circulated by some French officials - their purpose being to put pressure on the United States Government. ~~They~~

~~xxxx~~ The Vichy canard is put out in an effort to push the United States into a position more favorable to DeGaulle's Committee of National Liberation, which seeks a greater degree of American recognition. ~~In any case,~~

Such are the inferences drawn from today's blunt denial in Washington.