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today

Nazi Germany[^] announced the capture of the strategic railroad

city of Dombaas. This is not confirmed by London. The latest British comment over the Nazi claim uses the word -- unlikely.

Previously London admitted that Allied troops had fallen back in

^{TP} The news day began with the Dombaas area. ~~Previously~~ Berlin announcing^{ing} that Nazi units

had cut the railroad line between Dombaas and Steoren, and had joined forces with the Germans occupying the great seaport of

Trondheim. The official German army communique stated that the

junction of forces was made southwest of Steoren -- ~~but~~ did not

~~claim to the capture~~ railroad junction. make any ~~mention~~ of that particular town. However, from London

came the statement that ~~the~~ Hitler troops had captured Steoren,

though this was later held in doubt. ^{TP} One thing is clear -- if the

Germans have cut the railway line southwest of Steoren -- they've

either seized the town or ~~^~~ isolated the Allied units holding it.

^{TP} Berlin ^{also} claims that the German troops today won swift and decisive victory in ~~southern Norway~~ ^{the Dombaas sector,} and Hitler addressed a message

of triumph to the soldiers in Norway and their General, von Falkenhorst.

All Germany tonight had a victory celebration -- with the loud boast

that the Allies have lost their hold in southern Norway. ^{TP} If the

capture of Dombaas and Steoren ~~is~~ be true, the Allies will be ~~in a~~ in a

difficult position. This ^{in fact} was stated by British spokesmen today, who pointed out that those two railroad junctions dominate the strategic rail system in southern Norway. One thing is pointed out however. The German mobile units, moving with lightning swiftness, some of them across steep mountain trails -- cannot be very strong. The German motorized ~~units~~ ^{forces} may have out-run themselves, and may be open to an Allied counter offensive. Reports ~~declare~~ ^{declare} that British and French troops and military ~~equipment~~ ^{equipment} are being landed in heavy ~~force~~ ^{force}. Allied air power, though handicapped by the Nazi seizure of all the good Norwegian air bases, is being rapidly increased -- ~~though~~ ^{though} the Nazi sky squadrons are still ~~greatly~~ superior in strength. ^{HP} The Allies may launch a counterblow, ~~which~~ which may reverse the situation.

48 London faces the possibility that the successes the German claim today may force the Allied evacuation of southern Norway. If this should come to pass, it would mean that the British and French would have to turn their efforts to the northern part of the Scandinavian kingdom. North of Trondheim they're reenforcing ^{today} their units constantly, and ~~hurl back~~ ^{hurl back} the Germans in bitter fighting there. ~~It won't be~~ The Norwegian war may turn into a simplified

struggle of the Allies in the North and the Germans in the South.

AVIATION

The British are continuing to strike through the air against the Nazi basis in Norway. There was a Royal Air Force *raid* today against the airdrome at Oslo, the key point of the Nazi sky forces. Bombs crashed, much damage was done - says London.

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A series of sky fights is reported at various places in the battle area, - *newly arrived* ~~new~~ British aircraft attacking Nazi planes.

A flight of ~~British~~ Blenheims encountered a German air squadron, *plane* one of which when last seen was - "spiraling downward in distress."

Events in Norway were in the foreground at today's session of the House of Commons. Prime Minister Chamberlain and Secretary ^{for} ~~of~~ War Oliver Stanley faced a ^πbarage of impatient questions. There ^{was} ~~was~~ sharp parliamentary criticism ^{aroused by} ~~because of the~~ story ^{do} ~~that~~ the Allied troops ^{were} ~~were~~ sent to Norway ~~were~~ poorly equipped. This was denied by the Secretary ^{for} ~~of~~ War. He stated the equipment of the soldiers was ample. Member ^s of Parliament reflected British public alarm by asking direct question ^s about possible Allied defeats in Norway. These ~~These~~ the Prime Minister and the Secretary for War refused to answer. Chamberlain said that answers would not be in the public interest.

The leader of the Liberal Party in Parliament made a declaration today charging that the Campaign in Norway has been muddled, ~~was~~ muddled by the government. He demanded a full parliamentary investigation. ^{It} Today's proceedings in the Commons got around to a subject that's being discussed a good deal in England these days -- that statement made recently by Alfred Duff Cooper former First Lord of the Admiralty. Duff Cooper declared that the German people are as guilty as their Nazi leaders. He said the Allies must defeat the

German people as well as Hitler and his ~~crowd~~. When Chamberlain was asked about that he replied with this ^{affirmation:-} ~~acclamation~~ "The German people," said he, "must realize that the responsibility for the prolongation for the war and its sufferings is theirs as well as that of the Nazi leader."

That got a cheer. Though some labor members objected to the identification of the Nazi Leaders with the German people.

ITALY

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The spotlight of war sheds one ominous beam on Italy tonight. The London Government today ordered British merchant ships to avoid the Mediterranean - keep out of the neighborhood of Italy. Which certainly does sound as though the Allies anticipate that Mussolini may ^{soon} jump into the war on the side of ~~xxx~~ Hitler. This is borne out by the statement that announces the shipping order. ~~The statement~~ ^{It} reads this way:- "Pronouncements by Italians in responsible positions and the attitude of the Italian press recently have been of such a character as to make it necessary for His Majesty's Government to take certain precautions as regards British shipment^s which normally would pass through the Mediterranean." So reads the ^{official} London ~~announcement~~ ^{pronouncement}.

There has been a pretty general opinion that Mussolini would join Hitler any time he figured that Hitler was definitely winning the war. Recently, there have been indications that a German victory in Norway might persuade Italy to take the lead. And now the order, keeping British ships out of the Mediterranean, is announced on the very day that Nazi Germany seems to have won a striking success in the Norwegian campaign.

However, the London announcement adds the hope that today's foreboding precaution ^{will}~~would~~ not have to be continued ^{for} long.

Meaning, the hope that Italy will continue to stay neutral.

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Here ~~is~~ some small indication that Italy is not likely to go into the war; - not within a period of days, anyway. Today from the port of Genoa sailed the Italian liner, the REX, bound for New York - leaving according to schedule. There were rumors that the REX would not sail. These reports were denied, and today the big liner began its voyage. The assumption is, of course, that Mussolini would not send out his big boat to be captured by the British fleet - if he had any immediate idea of joining Germany.

RUSSIA

From Red Moscow today emanated a Communist manifesto -
and mighty pro-German it is. The Communist Internationale
issued its yearly May Day pronunciamento to the Communists of
the world. It denounces what it calls "the Anglo-French

^{And} incendiaries of war." It calls upon the workers of the world
to agitate against the ^{conflict. And it} ~~war~~ accuses the United States of

having ambition to seize territory. *Question mark:-*
what territory?

GARNER

There was a political truce in Texas today. It concerns that nationwide conflict - Roosevelt versus Garner. A bitter battle has been going on in the home state of Cactus Jack, a case of Third Term versus Favorite Son. The Garner forces have been in the driver's seat, but the F.D.R. battalions have been giving them a lively battle.

53 Today, Congressman Sam Rayburn of Texas, the Democratic leader in the lower House - received a telegram announcing a Texas armistice. They won't carry the Roosevelt-Garner fight to the bitter end in the primaries.

The two factions have got together and have come to a compromise. The Texas delegation to the convention in Chicago is pledged to John Nance Garner, but it is not to be used as a mere unit in any "stop Roosevelt movement." It is to be for Texas Jack, but is not to be primarily anti-F.D.R.

The two factions got together on a resolution to the following effect:- The Texas delegation will be committed to a strong endorsement of the Roosevelt-Garner administration.

That's a nice basis for compromise - the Roosevelt-Garner ~~administ~~

administration. Reminding us, that the battle is between two statesmen elected on the same ticket - President and Vice-President. Secondly, the delegation will be instructed to work and vote as a unit for the presidential nomination of the gentleman who is described in these words - "our great fellow Texan." Thirdly, the delegation is not to serve as a nucleus in any "stop Roosevelt" campaign.

GREEN

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Tonight we have a vigorous pronouncement which concerns both the political battle and the war within the labor ranks.

President William Green of the A.F. of L. took his customary

fling at C.I.O. John Lewis. Green ^{referred to} ~~denounced~~ the way Lewis

denounced a third term for President Roosevelt. Why did John

Lewis do that? The A.F. of L. President suggests a reason.

He says that Lewis is opposed to a third term because Lewis

himself wants the Democratic nomination. ^{John is} ~~he~~ against F.D.R.

^{John} because ~~he~~ himself wants ^{to be} ~~the~~ president.

FORD

Here's something without precedent. The Ford Motor Company is going to exhibit cars in the next New York Automobile Show - in October. Hitherto, the Ford Company has never taken part in the regular show, but has held an independent exhibition — as pointed out to me by Geo. Pierrot — of its own. Today, however, that precedent was reversed as Ford issued a statement in the following words:- "We are glad to cooperate with the industry", he stated, "and this showing at Grand Central Palace is a matter of convenience to the public in enabling them to see the products of the entire industry under one roof."

RUSSELL

There's a new move against Bertrand Russell, that famous mathematician - and a modernist on the subject of marriage.

This latest doest not occur in New York, where Professor Russell was prevented from taking a teaching post at City College. That incident is closed, apparently - despite continuing talk.

All the while, Bertrand Russell has been teaching at the
University of California, ^{at Los Angeles} and the latest move against him is
made out there. Today a Baptist Minister filed a suit to compel
the University to oust Russell. The allegations against the
British mathematician-philosopher are as usual - that the Russell
teachings advocate immorality, shocking doctrines about marriage.
So, he should be removed from his professorship at ^{the} U. of C.

This anti-Russell action may come a bit too late,
for there's word that the Professor is going to Harvard.

TRYLON

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Today's epic of life and death at the New York World's Fair was a bit of a puzzler for a while. Now it appears that the hero was a laborer who had been without a job for several months, a man with a fantastic act at the dizzy top of the Trylon - which rears its lofty height next to the Perisphere. Just to make sure that the stunt would be a success, he notified newspaper photographers to be on hand. ^{Then he} ~~he~~ climbed up the six hundred and ten feet of Trylon and appeared on a small platform away up at the top. There he stood, waving his arms and doing a fantastic dance step. A huge crowd gathered, newspaper men and the general public, not counting police, and the fire department. They were puzzled ^{as to} ~~what~~ [^] to make of it. Was the tiny gesticulating figure away up there about to take a plunge into empty space, and down to shattering doom? Many of the spectators thought cynically - Oh, it's just a publicity stunt, press agents of the Fair trying to hoax the public.

Then suddenly - down came a figure with waving arms and legs. A scream arose, as the figure plunged to the hard ground - something opening as it came to earth. ^{TP} It turned out to be [^] a dummy. And the dummy had a parachute, which had partly opened.

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High above people could see the man on the Trylon platform. he was still there, waving his arms. But that didn't last long.

Quickly another figure appeared, grabbed the Trylon exhibitionist - and yanked him inside. A steel inspector, having gone up after him, pulled him to safety.

The fantastic doings were explained shortly afterwards in the police court. The Trylon performer told the judge that he had been without a job for months and intended to put on a stunt that would get him a job - he hoped. His idea was to make a leap from the six hundred and ten foot altitude - something a la Steve Brodie. He'd make a parachute jump from the top of the Trylon. Just as a matter of prudence, he took along a dummy equipped with a parachute, for a preliminary try-out. He would toss the dummy into space, and if the parachute worked all right and if the dummy came down nice and gently, then he, himself, would try it. However, the dummy's parachute didn't work right. The would-be Trylon jumper could see that Mr. dummy hit the ground altogether too hard. And that chilled his enthusiasm. He was just making up his mind that Trylon parachute jumping might be too dangerous, had come to that decision - when they yanked him in.

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BASEBALL

The baseball miracle of miracles happened today -- as if it wasn't miraculous enough for the Brooklyn Dodgers to win eight straight! Everybody asked, how long could they continue that record of not losing a game? And, most people wished well for the traditionally daffy Dodgers.

But today, after cleaning up the eastern teams, there they were out in the west, playing the National League Champions - the Cincinnati Reds. And that certainly looked like a probably time for the incredible Brooklyn string to be broken. So what happened? Did the Dodgers win still again? The answer is doubly, triply, and emphatically!

Old Tex Carlwron pitched a no hit game! Cincinnati got not a hit and anot a run. Brooklyn got three runs. So not only did the Dodgers make it nine straight today, but they did it in the most unbelievable way possible - the no - hit way. Old Tex Carleton, who had been sent to the minors and then rescued from oblivion by Brooklyn! That's poetic justice.

And is Brooklyn wild tonight! Can you hear faint echoes of whoops and yells? Well, they emanate from Flabbush. You won't be able to hold the Brooklynites these days; they'll be walking around too arrogant to tolerate. Every man a duke in Brooklyn. And that brings us to the Duke of Blue Sunoco - Hugh James.