

ARGENTINE CONSUL

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*The latest*

^ Tonight brings a lively story of espionage and Argentina. The British Government has notified Buenos Aires of the arrest of an Argentine Consular official on the charge that he is -- an enemy agent -- a spy. This Argentine diplomatic official is named Osmar Alberto Helmuth. <sup>And</sup> Helmuth doesn't sound so ~~very~~ Spanish. Though -- of course, you may find German-sounding names most anywhere. (~~He was arrested while~~  
~~on his way to ~~East~~ Europe on ~~which~~ <sup>what</sup> ~~was~~ claimed to be~~  
~~a diplomatic mission. The British have arrested him as~~  
~~a spy.~~)

The latest on the story is that the Argentine government has dismissed Osmar Alberto Helmuth from its consular service, and the Buenos Aires authorities, as a result of the British charges, ha<sup>ve</sup> started an investigation of a Nazi spy ring in Argentina. Some arrests, we are told, have already been made.

## SOUTH AMERICA

~~Late~~ News from South America tells of orders issued by Hitler -- orders to break the Pan American front. A newspaper at Montevideo today published a photostatic copy of a letter said to be written by a German Embassy Official in Buenos Aires, a letter quoting Hitler's command to smash Pan American solidarity. The smashing -- to be done by people of German ancestry. Hitler is quoted as telling them that they must consider themselves -- "front line German soldiers fighting against the enemy".

## GERMAN GENERALS

Here's another story indicating that the German Generals may toss out their Fuehrer ~~and~~ this one ~~is~~ given on the authority of one of the top Nazi big-wigs Eric Koch, German Commissioner for the Ukraine. A story <sup>Just in</sup> from Switzerland asserts that this big-time Nazi wrote a letter to friends in which he charged that the German Generals intend to overthrow Hitler and come to terms with the Allies. What is ~~the~~ Fuehrer doing about it? Nothing, says the letter and explains that Hitler can't kick the Generals out, because he's got to have them to command the German Army.

## RUSSIA

The latest from Russia should certainly cramp the style of those humorists who like to manufacture comedy out of long Russian names. I myself have been guilty of a bit of levity now and then in talking about such places as Dnepropetrovsk. But all Russian place names are not long; and <sup>here</sup> ~~along~~ comes a Moscow bulletin giving us one of the shortest - but it's just as unpronounceable. It is spelled: M-g-a, which I suppose is pronounced Mga. Anyway, Stalin announced today that the Red Army has captured Mga, which is <sup>a big</sup> ~~on the~~ <sup>^</sup> *railroad junction on the* Leningrad front. <sup>^</sup>

Aside from the pronunciation involved, the news indicates that Soviet troops, having captured Novgorod, are now closing in behind an area of the most powerful fortifications. (This is a sector of defense where the Nazis built their best; <sup>but now</sup> ~~and~~ the bristling fortress line has been virtually encircled, with

## LENIN

From Soviet Russia tonight comes a statement on the subject of a dead body. There might seem to be altogether too many of these in Russia, but the one in question is -- Lenin, the founder and apostle of Bolshevism. ~~(Twenty years have passed since the death of Lenin, the greatest of all the protagonists of Red Revolution. Yet~~ his embalmed body is said to be lifelike to an amazing degree. <sup>R</sup> The Moscow newspaper IZVESTA <sup>i</sup> tells how a commission twenty years ago was assigned to preserve Lenin's body for posterity. And today that same commission has made an examination, twenty years later. And here's one phrase of the report: "It looks as if Lenin were sleeping."

<sup>R</sup> This masterpiece of the embalming art as exhibited in Moscow was a shrine of Soviet Bolshevism. But, with the coming war Lenin's body was removed from *where I saw it some years ago,* Red Square, and taken to some undisclosed place. That place is still kept a secret, but some  <sup>favored few</sup> have been

*escorted*  
~~taken~~ to behold Lenin in his temporary place of  
entombment. Among these -- W. Averill Harriman,  
United States Ambassador to Russia.

## ITALY

In Italy, British troops of the Fifth Army made new gains today, driving forward from the captured town of Minturno. The Nazis made counter-attacks, but these were repelled, and ~~the British-Fifth-Army-men~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~en~~ approaching the historic Appian Way, that most famous of all the roads to Rome.

## BOMBING

The bombing of the Nazi Fortress Europa went on all day, after it had been going on all night. The around-the-clock offensive began at seven P.M. last evening, when R.A.F. night bombers hit Berlin with one of the most tremendous of air blows. Twenty-five hundred tons of bombs smashed down on Berlin, and the city was left with tempests of flames, fires that could be seen a hundred and fifty miles away. Thirty-five R.A.F. bombers were lost in the operations <sup>against</sup> ~~that hit~~ not only Berlin but other points in Germany.

Where the R.A.F. night raiders left off last night, the American daylight bombers picked up today, with fleets of Flying Fortresses and Liberators smashing the French invasion coast. They dropped enough bombs to bring the twenty-four hour total up to five thousand tons.



FOLLOW BOMBING

Tonight the Germans tried to hit back with  
the most ambitious raid they have staged against  
Britain in a long time. London had a ninety-minute  
alert, and high explosive was dropped in a number of  
places. Anti-aircraft fire in London was visible for  
twenty miles, and eight German planes were shot down.

And the latest -- just off the wire --  
Germany is being bombed again tonight. A dispatch  
from London tells of a force of R.A.F. bombers so  
big that it took a whole hour for the squadron to pass  
over a given point. They flew over Naziland for  
another night raid -- continuing the air action that  
began at seven o'clock of the evening of yesterday.

PACIFIC

Twelve for the American subs! - with the Navy Department in Washington announcing today that United States undersea craft have sent to the bottom another even dozen. The Jap ships destroyed were nine freighters, two transports, and a large tanker, and these, according to calculations, raise the Jap ship losses since Pearl Harbor to above the one thousand point. All of which adds point to a statement that Tojo made today - his admission that American attacks were cutting heavily into Japanese shipping.

And British submarines have entered the sea campaign in the Orient. This is disclosed in the news of the sinking of a Japanese cruiser by a British sub. It happened in old imperial British waters, the northern approaches of the Straits of Malacca, the area of Singapore.

~~And the Pacific news goes on with tidings of~~

A regular Marco Polo thriller of the submarine service comes in a story told by a traveler from northern China, who stated<sup>S</sup> that a United States submarine ~~put~~<sup>^</sup> the members of its crew ashore at Newchwang in the Gulf of Liaotung. To elucidate what that means, a map of China will show that Newchwang is on the coast of southwestern Manchuria; ~~It~~<sup>and</sup> That to reach it ~~---~~<sup>^</sup> a United States submarine would have had to journey through the Yellow Sea, which is like a Japanese ~~lx~~ lake, ~~then~~<sup>^</sup> through Korea Bay, through the Strait opposite the great Jap stronghold of Port Arthur, and across the Gulf of Chihli and thence into the Gulf of Liaotung.

A simply fabulous adventure into the heart of Japanese-controlled waters for an American submarine.

But, ~~so~~<sup>as</sup> the story says, the sub put men ashore near Newchwang. Why? To buy some fish. If the tale be true, the submarine was desperately short of fresh<sup>food.</sup> ~~^~~

And some daredevil undersea skipper, on a voyage through ~~the~~ Jap waters, <sup>took such</sup> ~~had taken~~ venturesome means <sup>of</sup> ~~to~~ provide <sup>ing</sup> ~~xx~~ his men with a fish-fry.

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And the Pacific news goes on with tidings of the war in the air - familiar tidings. The Marshall Islands hit again -- and repeatedly. The Navy announces four more raids against that archipelago. Raids which have been officially characterized as - "softening up."

JAP LONGEVITY

The Japs today made an announcement that has a biting tone of irony. Tokyo <sup>states</sup> ~~announces~~ that Lieutenant General Kenji Muro, seventy-four years old, has been made the head of a Japanese organization called -- "The Association for the Encouragement of Longevity." The idea is to prolong the average life of the Japanese to one hundred years. ~~To~~ To which the <sup>responds --</sup> ~~responds --~~ that, in their war with the United States, <sup>Yes,</sup> the Japs sure do need an association to prolong longevity.

## TAXES

The Senate <sup>has Just</sup> ~~this afternoon~~ passed the tax bill - two billion, two hundred and seventy-five million, six hundred thousand dollars. This ~~is~~ in open defiance of the President, who has made repeated demands for taxation to the tune of at least ten and a half billions, four times that much. The Senate bill provides for no increase of income tax - but it does cut out ~~the~~ <sup>one</sup> income tax credit. And it freezes the Social Security Tax, maintains the present rate - instead of doubling it. Both of these features are opposed by the White House.

~~(The Senate measure will now have to be harmonized with the tax bill passed by the House. These are in disagreement in a number of details, but they both provide for "no increase of the income tax or of the Social Security tax." The two measures will have to be harmonized, and then they go to the White House. And some suppose that President Roosevelt may impose his veto.)~~

## DEMOCRATS

A farm bloc section of Democratic leaders today unanimously endorsed President Roosevelt for a fourth term.

In Washington the Democratic National Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow, to select a city for the Democratic National Convention. Chicago is to be the place, <sup>— both conventions in the Windy City,</sup> unless there's a hitch. ~~And the committee is going to consider the resignation of National Chairman Postmaster General Walker; and it seems almost certain that Robert Hannigan of Missouri will be chosen to succeed him.~~

In advance of tomorrow's formal session, a meeting of <sup>23</sup> Democratic leaders from thirteen farming ~~st~~ states in the Midwest was called today. The purpose ~~purpose~~ was to protest against some of the farm policies of the Administration -- with blasts against Secretary of Agriculture Wickard and the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, A. G. Black. Democratic leaders from the rural Midwest don't like the way they've been handling things. And, it has been

widely stated that the meeting would fire a blast against Presidential advisors Harry Hopkins and David Niles -- though this was denied.

However, ~~much~~ the rural Midwest Democrats, ~~may~~  
~~be sore about some of the President's assistants,~~  
~~they~~ don't direct their ire at the White#house itself.

~~One leader said today: "We feel the President has  
been so busy winning the war that he has not been  
kept properly ~~in~~ informed." Which, back in  
history, used to be known as blaming the King's  
Ministers but not the King.)~~

Anyway -- the twenty-three Democratic leaders from the thirteen Midwestern states took a vote today on the subject of a fourth term -- and endorsed it unanimously.



LETTER

Today presidential advisor Harry Hopkins formally restated his denial, ~~in the case of that famous letter.~~ Appearing before a Washington grand jury, Hopkins testified that he never wrote ~~the~~ <sup>t</sup> letter, which has him saying that Wendell Willkie will be the Republican candidate in Nineteen Forty-Four. ~~(He declared that the missive, typed on White House stationery, is a forgery.)~~ And, Hopkins told the newspapermen, "I think I know who the forger is." ~~After which he refused to name the one he suspects.~~

All of which follows yesterday's proceedings, which featured statements made by C. Nelson Sparks, author of the book in which the letter was printed, the book, "One Man, <sup>Wendell</sup> ~~One~~ Willkie." Sparks declared that, if the letter was a forgery, it was instigated by Secretary of the Interior Ickes. Why? Because of Ickes's hostility and enmity toward Hopkins, said *he*.

~~Sparks. (And we may note that it has been previously charged in the Senate that Secretary Ickes saw and approved of the letter before it was transmitted to Sparks. This the Secretary of the Interior denies.)~~

~~(Meanwhile, the man whom some allege to have actually written the letter is scheduled to give testimony before the grand jury in a day or so - George N. Briggs, a suspended employee of the Department of the Interior.) The opinion has been expressed that the letter was typed on a typewriter in Briggs's office.~~

→ ~~Sparks~~<sup>TP</sup>, Another witness before the grand jury today was a big business man, an oil man - Frank Phillips of Oklahoma. He is a friend of Secretary Ickes, and ~~in the walter of charge and counter charge~~, the alleged letter is said to have passed through his hands, transmitted by him. This he today denied, saying he had never seen the letter. ("I don't know what it's all about

He told newspapermen, ~~and added significantly~~, "It sounds like dirty politics to me."

("Dirty politics on whose part?" he was asked.

To which the Oklahoma oil man responded:

"Don't press me, I'm just a country boy.")

~~From the oil man we can go on to an oil story - printed today~~ in a publication called - "The National

Petroleum News," ~~The~~ statement is made that presidential

advisor Harry Hopkins <sup>has</sup> <sub>^</sub> usurped the authority of Secretary

Ickes in the realm of oil. The magazine article goes on

with the charge that Hopkins, taking the authority away

from Ickes, is virtually dictating the nation's foreign

<sup>oil</sup> <sub>^</sub> policy. ~~regarding oil~~ The contention is made that Ickes

is now nothing more than what <sup>the article</sup> <sub>^</sub> ~~it~~ <sub>^</sub> calls, "a front man."

Hopkins - in full charge of post war policy.

~~The petroleum publication says it has~~

~~information from what it describes as~~ "responsible"

BLAST

You might think that only a <sup>fire bug</sup> ~~criminal arsonist~~ would laugh when there's an explosion in a factory, and the whole place burns down. However, today's news tells of a big fire in Los Angeles, a conflagration that might evoke a chuckle from even the least pyromaniac of us. The story is this - A loaded dice factory and crooked roulette wheel plant caught fire and went up in smoke.

~~The place in question called itself a~~  
~~"furniture factory", but the kind of furniture that it~~  
~~made is illustrated by its catalogues, which advertised~~  
such items as: ~~the following:~~ "transparent weighted  
dice, Twenty Dollars a pair." ~~From which we gather~~  
~~that the kind of crooked dice ~~made~~ you could look~~  
~~through more or less are the most deceptive.~~ The plain  
ivory variety <sup>was</sup> ~~are~~ described in the catalogue as -  
"white loads", Seven Fifty a pair." And on the list <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~

phoney crap layouts and swindling roulette wheels.

The fire started at the dice shaving machine, which turned out the "transparent weighted" and the "white loads." Somebody was smoking and tossed a lighted match into a pile of celluloid shavings. Smoking was forbidden, but then I suppose <sup>a person</sup> ~~somebody~~ might not be so scr<sup>u</sup>upulous in observing the rules in a crooked dice factory. In any case, there was a flash, and the flames burned down the building and all of its merchandise, enough phoney gambling apparatus to swindle half the people of the country, if they were fools enough.

## GRAMMAR

A new uproar has hit the world of science, and this time it's about grammar. You know the way ~~that~~ scientists and technicians write, and maybe you've found it mostly incomprehensible - with all those big words. But probably you never suspected that the professors ~~and~~ ~~of the recondite sciences~~ were also committing outrage against the grammar of the English language. What kind of outrage? That is answered <sup>today</sup> by E. H. McClelland of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, who describes the scientific <sup>tical</sup> ~~crime~~ in the following remarkable words: "a noun modifies a noun, modifies a noun, modifies a noun," says he. ~~And that <sup>would</sup> ~~is~~ ~~sure~~ ~~to~~~~ ~~be a murderous onslaught against the king's English.~~

The whole thing started over the question of whether you should say - "horse serum" or "equine serum." ~~Of course, you might prefer to say neither, but that's~~ ~~beside the point.~~ In "equine serum" - an adjective

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abay says the professor,  
 modifies a noun. While in "horse serum", a noun  
 modifies a noun. ~~And there is altogether too much~~  
 of this kind of modification, <sup>Horrible!</sup> protests the grammarian,  
~~of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.~~

Whereupon he ~~gives some horrendous examples~~  
~~to illuminate and terrify.~~ He cites the following  
 expressions which have recently been in print. One  
 reads: "rudder control mechanism sequence." In which  
 a noun certainly does modify a nouns, several times  
 over. And <sup>ina</sup> ~~the apostle of good grammar positively~~  
~~screams when he points to this next one. In a~~  
 scientific article somebody wrote: "instruments-  
 approach-procedure-summary." To which the echo  
 reverberates, "a noun modifies a noun, modifies a  
 noun, modifies a noun."

~~It makes the professor mad, and he won't be~~

mollified. And now some impeccable  
 grammar from our <sup>Standard Oil</sup> ~~microphone~~ microphone voice

announcer. That's another noun modifies a noun mod - a no - etc

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## HOAX

The great army convoy hoax at Danbury, Connecticut, was explained today, with J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the F.B.I. stating that it was all because a soldier, AWOL from Camp Alliance, Nebraska, <sup>He</sup> wanted to cash a phoney twenty dollar check.

Back in December the Private, absent without leave, drove into Danbury in an army automobile. He went to the U.S.O. and announced that he was a Sergeant in advance of a convoy of paratroopers. Which convoy planned to spend the night at Danbury. That inspired the patriotic citizens, who immediately prepared to receive the soldiers of the sky. Arrangements were made for the best of food, cots placed in ~~an~~ a local armory, and a group of prominent women got together to arrange entertainment. With all this hospitable excitement going on the Sergeant didn't do so badly. However, the con~~v~~oy of paratroopers didn't arrive,



whereupon he announced that they had had an accident in which four were killed and seven others, including the commanding officer were injured. That he explained

had delayed the paratroopers, whereupon he cashed a

twenty dollar <sup>check</sup> ~~bill~~ and left town, presumably to join ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup>.

~~The~~ <sup>The</sup> ~~convoy~~ <sup>convoy</sup> never arrived and ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup>. But the check bounced, and an investigation

was begun, <sup>and now has</sup> ~~revealed~~ <sup>the</sup> that the mystery of ~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> non-existent

paratroop convoy was nothing more than the cock and

bull story of a soldier AWOL cashing a bum check.

## GRAFT

Here's word from the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives concerning the Camp Shanks army base at Orangeburg, New York. Newspaper charges have been made that a great game of graft has been going on at the base. <sup>The</sup> ~~As~~ accusation is made by the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, which ~~states that it has found what it calls - "evidence that high officers at this military installation worked in league with civilians to squeeze graft out of the nation's war effort."~~ The ~~NEW YORK DAILY NEWS~~ declares that there has been profit-splitting, padded-payments for equipment, boosted-land prices, misappropriation of gasoline, and black market operations. <sup>"A shocking story of corruption,"</sup> ~~cries the newspaper.~~

So what has the House Military Affairs Committee to <sup>say</sup> ~~declare~~ about that? Today Committee Counsel Ralph O. Burton declared that affairs at the

base had <sup>ve</sup> been scrutinized for some time. "Our  
investigators," he said, "have had Camp Shanks under  
observation for more than a year." ~~And he added that  
evidence has been unearthed and the Committee would  
start going over that evidence some time next week -  
would hold open hearings.~~ He was asked about the  
charges made by the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS. To which he  
responded: "I don't think they're far wrong."

## JUGOSLAVIA

In the Yugoslav guerrilla fighting, Partisan troops have bounced back against the Germans who were pressing them so hard - and Marshal Tito's men have recaptured a town which has<sup>d</sup> been their capital. ~~On~~ the other hand, Nazi sources tell of the German capture of an important isle - in the Yugoslav irregular fighting, which is so confused as to be almost incomprehensible.

Today's news from those mountains goes on with a description of how Marshal Tito, the Partisan chief, was wounded <sup>--while</sup> ~~He was~~ leading his forces out of a trap, in what was an almost impossible escape. The Germans had thrown a powerful and complete ring around the guerrilla army, and these<sup>l</sup> launched a supreme drive to get out - led by Tito. In fighting, a Nazi bullet clipped him in the arm, but he kept on at the head of his troops - and they did break out of the trap.

members of Congress." And it goes on <sup>with these words!</sup> ~~to declare~~ -

"Ickes, they say, knows what he wants and how it should be done, but he is powerless to ~~move~~ in any direction unless and until the White House favorite gives the word."

All of which might seem to give <sup>to</sup> the affair ~~of the~~ letter, ramifications far into the realm of petroleum, and the war policies of the United States.)

the war in the air - familiar tidings. The Marshall Islands ~~were~~ hit again - and repeatedly. The Navy announces four more raids against that archipelago.

~~The~~ Raids <sup>which</sup> have been officially characterized as -

"softening up."



CHURCHILL

*Ann: -  
These taken out of  
2nd show!*

As a sure sign that Winston Churchill has recovered, he is taking a hand in that awkward squabble over the post-war frontier between Russia and Poland. Today he had a long talk at Ten Downing Street with three of the leaders of the Polish government in exile. The British Prime Minister's first aim is to make it possible for Stalin and the Polish leaders to shake hands and make up. To bring that about, he will probably have to persuade some of the Polish ministers in London to bow themselves out of the picture. *meaning* ~~That~~ *for one,* ~~would include~~ General Sosnowski, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish fighting forces, whom the Soviet heads definitely consider to be anti-Russian.

And meanwhile European diplomats were deeply interested in a couple of article<sup>s</sup> which appeared in a Polish newspaper published in Moscow. This paper is the organ of the Union of Polish Patriots, organized



under the auspices of the Soviet Government, meaning  
that it <sup>is</sup> pro-Soviet. One of these articles was a  
plea for the return of not only East Prussia to the  
Poles, but also Silesia, Pomerania and Danzig. The  
piece was written by a professor, and he went even  
further than that. He demanded that the great landed  
estates of the Polish aristocracy be returned to the  
peasants and that all industries and mines taken from  
the Germans be nationalized. In short, if that wing  
of the Polish people attains control after the war,  
Poland will come pretty close to being a Soviet country,  
*as we have expected might happen.*

All Europe still is in a dither about that PRAVDA  
story of last Monday, the story that Ribbentrop had  
met a couple of high British personalities at  
San Sebastian or thereabouts. The latest news that  
excites Europe is a report of the Berlin radio that

~~XXXXXX~~ several members of the Turkish

Cabinet had dined with Franz von Papen, the German Ambassador to Turkey. ~~That story sounds like a good~~  
~~bit of mare's nest, to be frank, because~~ <sup>Well,</sup> ambassadors  
are always giving dinners to Cabinet members <sup>of</sup> the  
countries to whom they are accredited. However, this  
particular dinner is considered of unusual importance  
because two months ago, the London Sunday Times had a  
story about offers of peace which von Papen had made  
through Turkey. ~~As a matter of fact, even the Berlin~~  
~~radio denies that the Nazi government has thrown out~~  
~~any peace proposals.~~

But later in the day, ~~something happened~~

which much relieved the diplomatic tension in Europe.

Moscow ~~is~~ disavowed that PRAVDA story. The Deputy ~~Foreign~~

Foreign Commissar of the Soviet Government informed

the British Embassy at Moscow that no official of the

Russian Government was responsible for the publication

of that report. Furthermore, he added, the Stalin

Government had no previous knowledge of the story

before it appeared in print. The Russians expressed

considerable surprise at the excitement that it

aroused. <sup>R</sup>At any rate, London now hopes the whole matter

will be dropped.

was, they tore wide gaps in the Nazi line for a distance of nineteen miles, all the way to the Leningrad area.

*H* Incidentally, that city, built by Peter the Great on the Neva Marshes, is now beyond the range of enemy artillery.

Meretskov had brought his artillery up around Novgorod and so ~~completely~~ encircled it with his heavy guns that the garrison was completely blanketed by their fire. Then the Soviet troops forced the upper reaches of Lake Ilmen *Il'men* and outflanked the Nazis on the front in order to storm the city from the sides.

The name "Novgorod" means "new town", but actually it's one of the most ancient cities of Russia. ~~It was~~ Founded by the Vikings in the early days of Christianity.

Military *experts* ~~sharks~~ in London declare that the retaking of Novgorod is as important as the victories at

Smolensk and Bryansk. <sup>TR</sup> Moscow says the Russians have killed forty-thousand Germans in six days. <sup>TR</sup> Nor did Stalin ~~certainly did not~~ send a boy to do a man's job in that battle. Serving under Meretskov were no fewer than twelve other generals. It was Meretskov, by the way, who finally broke the Finnish Mannerheim Line in the winter of Nineteen Thirty-Nine <sup>19</sup>Nineteen Forty. It was Meretskov also who was responsible for the recapture of Mōjaisk' in the first great Russian counter-offensive.

The recapture of Novgorod, plus the holes that Meretskov has punched in the German line to the north, has placed a large German <sup>forces</sup> ~~body~~ some three hundred thousand soldiers, in peril. A considerable force is on the verge of being surrounded seventeen miles south of Leningrad. The forests ~~of~~ around Lake Ilmen are full of disorganized bands of Nazis, cut off from the main body of the army, and harrassed by guerrillas.

AIR RAID

The big American air raid over Germany last week has produced results invaluable to the Allied cause

*It was indeed*  
~~You may recall that it was~~ the biggest ever; twelve hundred planes. *Of which* ~~Out of them~~ we lost sixty bombers and

five fighters. But, the effects of that raid ~~was to~~ *that had been* knock out three huge German factories, turning out

fighter planes. ~~for several months.~~ One of them ~~was~~ almost totally destroyed, another ~~was almost completely~~ knocked out, and ~~at~~ the third the damage ~~is estimated~~

~~anywhere~~ from thirty to forty per cent. In addition to *which* the American *airmen* ~~forces~~ knocked down a hundred and fifty-three enemy planes.

*So* ~~all this~~ we learn today from Secretary of War Stimson, *who* pointed out that it is more important to wreck a factory which produces two hundred planes a month than to shoot down two hundred planes.

~~and~~ This evening there was another big aerial

attack on either Berlin or some nearby city. The

British government says nothing about this, but

Stockholm reported <sup>S</sup> that telephone communications with

Berlin had been cut, ~~and that always happens when a~~

~~raid is going on. This evidently was a sortie by the~~

~~British Royal Air Force.~~

The news from New Britain tonight <sup>is</sup> ~~concerns~~

*mostly about*  
~~principally~~

*About the*

*paying that*  
~~paid~~

~~the Jap fortress at~~ Rabaul and hit <sup>two</sup> eight enemy cargo

ships, <sup>which</sup> Three of ~~these ships~~ blew up and sank; Two

others ~~were~~ left burning; and three more ~~were~~ badly damaged.

*is the* This raid <sup>that was so</sup> ~~was more costly than others in that~~

*with* ~~part of the world, for~~ twelve American planes ~~were~~ lost.

*we hear now that it* ~~It~~ was a low level attack, and one of our bombers crashed

*and so low that* into a ship's mast. They had to meet a defending force

of more than a hundred Jap fighters. <sup>Of these</sup> ~~our men shot down~~

*were* ~~of these and~~ destroyed probably fifteen more.

~~In the fighting~~ On land, the Japs made another

attack on Hill <sup>Six, Sixty.</sup> ~~Hundred and Sixty.~~ But ~~the~~ marines

beat them back, and <sup>as</sup> they, <sup>the Japs,</sup> ~~report~~ retreated, <sup>they left a</sup> ~~leaving a~~

hundred and twenty-six ~~of their~~ dead. ~~on the ground.~~



There were also aerial attacks in the Marshall Islands. These were carried out by army planes, bombers of Major General Willis Hale's Seventh Air Force. But the announcement came from the headquarters of Admiral Chester Nimitz at Pearl Harbor. Nimitz announced that the army bombers hit four times at two of the important atolls held by the Japanese at the southern end of the Marshall group. Our planes came in low, bombing and machine-gunning, and they accomplished a lot of useful destruction.

## CRASH

A newspaper in Birmingham, Alabama, is making a formal protest against the arbitrary actions of an army officer. Tuesday night, a bomber crashed ~~on~~ ~~private property~~ near Birmingham, and nine members of the crew were killed. ~~Naturally,~~ The Birmingham ~~News~~

newspapers rushed reporters and cameramen to the scene.

*Army officers were already on the spot and one of them,*  
~~one army officer~~ refused to permit a reporter to  
*although it happened on private property.*  
interview ~~even~~ civilian witnesses, } Either he or another

officer then confiscated the camera of a news

photographer. The report from Birmingham states that

both the War Department and the Office of Censorship

have admitted that the officers of the Army Air Base

at Birmingham who were on duty at the scene had no

right to do ~~what~~ they did.

## ACCIDENTS.

*Seems unbelievable but*  
~~Tonight we have the astounding story that~~

more people have died on the home front since Pearl Harbor than on the field of battle. The casualty list of injuries is also prodigious. ~~These people have died~~ Mostly ~~by~~ accident<sup>s</sup> in factories.

The total number of dead here at home in these two years and less than two months is no fewer than thirty-seven thousand, six hundred. ~~That is~~ **Five thousand** more than our armed forces lost in combat. In addition, ~~to that~~, two-hundred-and-ten thousand workers have been permanently disabled, and four million, five hundred thousand temporarily injured. **In** other words, sixty times the wounded and missing from our armed forces.

The worst of it is, according to national safety organizations, that eighty per cent of all industrial accidents could be prevented. They are caused by human failure, carelessness, lack of skill, improper clothing, *and so on.*

~~Of these~~ carelessness <sup>being</sup> ~~is~~ by far the most <sup>common</sup> ~~serious~~ cause.

~~of all:~~ The O.W.I. points out that these figures show the need for what it calls "a second front on safety."

As a matter of sheer <sup>national</sup> economy alone; ~~and~~ setting aside the question of humanity; it is immediately urgent that safety programs be instituted wherever people work.

## MILK

There will be no milk rationing until late in the summer, or maybe early in the fall. The War Food Administration is going to try other measures meanwhile, in the hope of postponing the evil day. It will issue an order in a few days restricting the making of all cheese except cottage cheese and cheddar. At the same time, the Administration will ~~expand~~ <sup>expand</sup> its control over the distribution of milk. This has already been done in a hundred and thirty major cities, and will shortly be extended to others.

POPE

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Here is a late bit of news from the Vatican  
coming through Switzerland. Pope Pius the Twelfth  
will stay in the Holy ~~City~~ See, come what may. The  
Nazi Ambassador to Vatican City has <sup>(suggested to the</sup> ~~invited~~  
Pontiff) ~~invited~~ that if he wishes to take refuge in some  
neutral place, the German<sup>s</sup> will protect him. <sup>To which</sup> Pope  
Pius ~~has categorically declined~~ <sup>said no, thanks.</sup>