

COAL

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The latest tonight is an appeal made by the War Labor Board to John L. Lewis. The Board asks Lewis to urge the Alabama coal strikers to return to work.

The strike has closed virtually all the coal mines feeding the steel mills in the area of Birmingham, the big steel center.

The situation is serious and today Under Secretary Patterson of the War Department, Under Secretary Forrestall of the Navy Department and Coal Administrator Ickes urged the War Labor Board to do something about the coal mine wage dispute. They want it settled quickly -- in order to avoid what they call "a catastrophe of the first order".

TAXES

The case against the Sales Tax was presented today by Philip Murray, President of the C I O. ~~In Washington the House Ways and Means Committee is considering the giant ten and a half billion dollar tax bill proposed by the Administration, the measure that would entail a huge increase in income tax. This is being opposed by various experts on taxation who argue that the people will pay the amount of income tax demanded by the Administration and they propose instead, a sales tax, a levy on retail sales.~~ The advantages of a sales tax have been ~~vigorously presented~~ ^{to The Ways + Means} ~~before the~~ Committee with plenty of denial of the Administration's contention that a sales tax would be inflationary.

But Today C I O President Philip Murray declared that a sales tax would be what he called "the equivalent of a military defeat". One hardly sees the military part of it, but Murray went on to argue that a sales tax would bear too heavily on the little fellow. He put it in these words: " A sales tax is an imposition of a national ^{(wage} ~~rate~~ ^{cut} bearing most heavily on the low income groups".

LEND-LEASE

The Senate today took action to start an investigation into Lend-Lease. The Appropriations Committee named a subordinate group to collaborate with the Truman Committee. The purpose is to look into charges that were made by the five Senators who toured the war fronts.

The criticisms about which we've heard a good deal charge that the British have been putting British labels on American lend-lease goods and have sent these to Turkey and India:-- British-marked to win prestige for Britain. Then there is a matter of oil, the five Senators charging that we supply the British with lend-lease oil when they could easily provide themselves with their own oil. ~~And there is another point which~~
~~has been admitted by Secretary of War Robert Patterson,~~
~~namely that in some cases the British purchased war materials in~~
~~America for cash and then the cash was paid back to them by the~~
~~Government and this charged off to lend lease.~~ Another point of complaint by the five Senators is that of air bases; ~~that~~
~~They claim~~ that we are building magnificent airports on foreign

territory without any assurance that we will be able to use them for commercial purposes after the war.

~~So now the charges made by the Senators are to be investigated -- with a sub-committee on appropriations collaborating with the Truman Committee which has been investigating various phases of the war effort right along.~~

Today in Australia, leader of the opposition, former Premier Menzies ~~gave Australian comment on the report made by the world-touring Senators.~~ He stated that ^{the} British Empire welcomes the greatest cooperation with the United States ~~in the post war period.~~ ^{but,} ~~But~~ added that the Empire will protect its *own* interests. He declared that Australia-New Zealand and Great Britain have what he called ^{"not their"} ~~their own~~ ^{"their own"} flying interests in the Southwest Pacific, ^{"not to be abandoned lightly"} ~~and to this he added, "we shall not lightly abandon these interests."~~ ~~(He said that the British empire will be willing to go into a kind of partnership with the United States.~~ ^{and} ~~But~~ he added: "We want to come in as *strong and well-equipped members* -- not as weak ones."

LOSSES

At his news conference today President Roosevelt spoke of the heavy bomber loss that our Air Force sustained in yesterday's raid against Schweinfurt in Germany. Sixty Flying Fortresses failed ^{to} to come back. The President said that this was serious but it was balanced off by ^{More than a} ~~what~~ the Fortresses did. ~~One~~ Hundred German fighters were shot down -- which, ~~ix~~ said the President, did not nearly make up for the sixty Flying Fortresses. But, in addition, consider the damage wrought ^{at the} ~~by the American six~~ ~~fight which inflicted chattering havoc of a~~ great Nazi war center.

The President's view was echoed by General H. H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Forces ^{who} ~~He stated~~ disclosed that the loss of sixty Fortresses cost us five hundred and ninety-three airmen -- the most valuable kind of personnel. ^{At least} Half of them ^{se} ~~at least~~ are believed to be alive and prisoners of ~~the~~ war.

General Arnold said that in point of damage done the raid on ~~Sw~~ Schweinfurt ranked in importance with ^{the} ~~the~~ devastating attack on the Roumanian oilfields, from which the Nazis get most of their natural petroleum. ~~General~~ Arnold tells us that the plants at Schweinfurt manufactured at least half the ball-bearings

that are turned out in Nazi Europe -- and we know how important ball-bearings are to any ~~any~~ kind of machinery. The knocking out of these plants are the basis for General Arnold's ~~his~~ statement in the following words:- The Schweinfurt attack will have definite ~~effe~~ effect on German war economy within a reasonably short period of time, and will result in shortening the war".

ITALY

In Italy the word is -- an advance all along the line. The German ~~line~~ ^{front} along the ~~Rx~~ River Volturno appears to have been completely broken, with American troops of General Clark's Fifth Army ~~driving~~ driving five miles beyond the stream. They've seized dominating hills from which they can protect the crossing of ~~the~~ reinforcements. At the same time we hear of what tonight's dispatch calls "a sea-flanking thrust". ~~That must~~ ^{This} mean one of those landings behind the enemy line. ~~This one~~ ^{It} flanking ~~ed~~ the Nazi fighting front along the Volturno, and the troops that fought their way ashore have joined forces with the Americans who have driven across the River for five miles and seized those dominating heights.

To the East the Fifth Army has captured mountain positions northeast of Capua. The Germans have put up a fierce fight around Capua ~~by their~~ but their counter attacks have been repelled and they've been driven back to a wide expanse of ~~level~~ ^{level} plain. ~~This~~ ~~will enable General Clark's men to drive downward from the mountain positions that they've captured north of Capua and reach the flat land which offers few natural defensive possibilities for the Germans.~~

~~Today's dispatch gives the opinion that unless the Nazis in that sector can counter-attack successfully and regain the strategic~~

The Germans may
~~area they lost they will~~ be forced to retreat at least eighteen miles from the Volturno ~~line~~ -- to another river -- called the *Gorzelyano.* Garigliano. That's only eighty miles from Rome.

General Montgomery's Eighth Army based on ~~the East Coast of Italy~~ the Adriatic *side* -- has advanced *another* six miles, and ~~captured a key road junction twenty miles from Termoli.~~

One story from the fighting front in Italy gives a new and surprising ~~map~~ type of hero for that sector -- Japanese, *those* Japanese-American soldiers in the U. S. Army. It was only the other day that ⁱⁿ the Movietone newsreel we were surprised when some film came in showing typical Japanese serving with the American ~~forces~~ forces in Italy -- a battalion made up of ~~many~~ loyal Japanese Americans. Today a dispatch from the Fifth Army ~~says~~ tells of heroic fighting by the Japanese American battalion in the capture of Benevento.

A party of twenty-two American paratroopers were cut off behind the Nazi lines for sixteen days, and ~~map~~ desperately needed

rescue. And that ~~is~~ was when the Japanese-Americans went into action. Sergeant Yutaka Nezu set out with his unit. He and his men had been under continuous enemy fire for four days. But they fought their way to the German lines and brought back the paratroopers. And maybe those paratroopers thought they were having a nightmare when they saw Japanese faces appear in the middle of Italy. ^RThe Captain of the Japanese outfit, Captain Taro Suzuki, tells how one Japanese-American soldier was sent to scout an enemy machine gun nest. In doing so he was hit and sustained a fatal head wound, but he got back, made a report and then fell dead at the feet of his platoon Sergeant.

(And now Captain Taro Suzuki is trying to get a posthumous decoration for that hero who certainly deserved it. Most of the loyal Japanese are natives of Hawaii, born under the American flag and educated under the Stars and Stripes; though some of their officers are from the United States proper.)

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Here's a dispatch that may have significant meaning.

It is from London and gives us a report that the Commander of the

partisan guerrilla forces in Jugoslavia has been in Cairo.

They say that the rather legendary General Tito has had important conferences at British headquarters, ~~in Cairo~~ and this may forecast an allied invasion of the Balkans,

RUSSIA

Moscow reports that the Germans are getting ready to pull out of the Crimea, that Peninsula ^{putting into} ~~in~~ the Black Sea which is connected with the mainland by a narrow isthmus. Recent Soviet drives across the River Dnieper are turning south, and ~~are~~ threatening that isthmus, the only land bottle-neck through which the Germans in the Crimea can escape. Also Soviet troops have fought their way into the seaport of Melitopol, which is just in front of ^e that isthmus ~~making~~ bottle-neck.

^{out} ~~The~~ the great city of Kiev, the ~~Soviet~~ Ukrainian capital, the Russians are storming the outer defenses and Soviet bulletins intimate that the whole German line in the southern Ukraine is in danger of speedy collapse -- this following the capture of ^{Zaporozh'ye} the city near the famous Dnieper Dam. ^{It} That mighty dam ~~has been~~

~~one of the dramatic things of the war in Russia, and today the Germans report that it has been blown up again. The Dnieper~~

~~was~~ ^{dam} was blasted the first time when the Red Army retreated in front of the first great German rush. The Soviets dynamited ^{it}

^{they} ~~the dam~~ in accordance with their scorched earth policy. After

that the Germans ~~proceeded~~ proceeded to repair the dam ^{though}

it ~~was~~ doubtful whether they got any use ^{out} of it. Now the tide of

war is reversed and the Red Army has driven the Nazi war machine

back behind the dam. And Berlin today tells us that the Germans *have*

blown
~~have broken~~ up the giant barrier of steel and concrete which

they previously had repaired.

PORTUGAL

Here's the German reaction to the allied acquisition of the Azores for purposes of war. The islands of course are Portuguese and today we hear that Berlin ~~has~~ has sent a protest to Portugal charging what the protest calls "a grave breach of neutrality". The view of the Portuguese is that the ^{country} country still remains neutral on the continent ~~of~~ of Europe -- even though the Azores are turned over to the Allies. The Nazis refuse to accept any such contention, holding that if Portugal has ~~ceased~~ ceased to be neutral so far as islands are concerned, ^{then} Portugal is not neutral in any sense. And Germany threatens retaliation -- just what kind the ~~Nazi~~ Nazi protest does not specify.

ARGENTINA

The President today denounced the government of Argentina for its recent ~~account of~~ ^{action --} anti-semitic [^] -- the suppression of Jewish newspapers in the Southern Republic. (~~The President gave expression to a feeling of apprehension and surprise that this sort of thing should occur in the ~~southern~~ western hemisphere.~~)

He described the suppression of the Argentine Jewish newspapers in the following words:- "action obviously anti-semitic in nature and of a character so closely identified with the most repugnant features of Nazi doctrine".

~~(The President admitted that of course the suppression is ~~in~~ the domestic ~~job~~ of the Argentine government and people.)~~

~~(But)~~ he pointed out that it was hardly in accordance with one of the resolutions adopted ~~in~~ at the Nineteen Thirty-eight conference of American Republics. Argentina okayed that resolution, which reads:- "any persecution on account of racial or religious motives which makes it impossible for a group of human beings to live decently, is contrary to the political and juridical systems of America".

~~The latest from Argentina is that several Jewish~~

WILLKIE

Wendell Willkie made it definite today ^{that he is} ~~he is~~ out for
the Presidency. ⁱⁿ The Republican candidate ~~of~~ the last election
~~is in St. Louis to~~ ~~is~~ make an address of number one importance
tonight, an address ~~expected to be the opening gun of a drive for~~
~~the Republican nomination of this year.~~ And now ~~in~~ advance of the
^{he is to make tonight}
~~of the~~ big speech, Willkie declares himself openly. At a press
conference today he stated:- "If I can get infused into the
Republican party my views ~~of~~ on ~~the~~ foreign policy and economic
problems, it goes without saying that I'd like to be the
instrumentality of, ~~with~~ putting them in force". Instrumentality
in this case meaning -- President.

ESKIMO

Today ~~in~~ Southampton Island, ~~at~~ the far northern mouth of Hudson Bay, a United States Liberator bomber took supplies of food aboard -- provisions to be flown to four Canadians who are marooned at Fort Ross, four hundred miles above the Arctic Circle. And this sky adventure of rescue is the latest in an extraordinary story -- a crime story, a murder mystery among the Eskimo.

One of the four persons marooned away up there near the Arctic Circle is Constable C. L. DeLisle of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, ^{who} ~~He~~ has been there for two years with evidence that he has collected in the murder of Angootacoyomayo, an Eskimo husband. ~~What~~ It seems that Angootacoyomayo was shot and killed in mysterious fashion and his wife was suspected, his wife Miktaeyout. ^{So} ~~And~~ the Constable of the Mounties was sent to procure evidence of her innocence ^{or} ~~and~~ guilt. That was two years ago, and last year a ship of the Hudson Bay Company, ^{is} ~~pushed its~~ ^{tried to take} ~~way through the~~ and carried a group of officials to Fort Ross -- officials to preside at the trial of Miktaeyout, wife of the

murdered Angootacoyomayo. The ship couldn't get through, the ice was too thick and the trial had been put off until this year. ~~Last~~ Last summer the ship of the Hudson Bay Company once again tried to break through to Fort Ross. But once again the ice was too thick. So, the trial of the Eskimo wife will have to go over until next year. But meanwhile, the Constable of the Mounties and his companions have run out of food. The Constable has all the evidence in the case but they haven't ^{anything} ~~nothing~~ to eat. So the Liberator Bomber today loaded up with provisions to fly to Fort Ross and drop packages by parachute.

Meanwhile, there is a good deal of speculation among Canadians of the North, speculation concerning the murder mystery of the Arctic. One line of belief is that it was a case of a triangle -- a triangle such as you find so often in ~~French~~ French Novels. It is known that Angootacoyomayo had a romance with a woman in another igloo, and so his wife Miktaeyout was jealous and killed her husband because of the influence of the green-eyed monster. Others, however, point out that such a mere matter of a love triangle doesn't make much difference to the Eskimo.

A wife doesn't kill her husband for any such ~~as~~ ^a ~~small matter as~~ sentimental philandering. ^{TP} So a second ^{knows} theory is based on the fact

that Angootacoyomayo was not a skillful hunter. He wasn't so good in the northern seal hunts and the killing of the walrus, ^{all of} ~~so that~~

^{which} made him a poor provider. He didn't bring ~~it~~ ^{bacon -} home enough ^{seals} oil and walrus blubber, --- which is exactly the ~~the~~ sort of thing

^{mean seal} ~~that would put murder in the heart of an Eskimo wife~~ ~~It is known~~ ~~for bringing home the blubber, which makes~~ ~~that Miktaeyout frequently nagged Angootacoyomayo because of his,~~ ~~wife blubber,~~ ~~inferior skill at hunting. And that might have led to a domestic~~

~~row, resulting in murder. Household arguments~~ ^{are} ~~sometimes~~

~~that way~~ ^{TP} ~~and not only among the Eskimos~~ But all speculation

~~will have to go until next year when the ship with the officials~~

~~for the trial will succeed in getting to Fort Ross -- we hope.~~

1/2 Meanwhile, the body of Angootacoyomayo is held preserved in ice

as evidence. The wife Miktaeyout is by no means in jail. She

has rejoined her tribe ~~and~~ for its usual seal and walrus

hunts but will be on hand for a trial next year or whenever they

are able to hold it. Meanwhile Constable DeLisle of the Mounties sits up there for another year - or more.

And now a bit of weekend inspiration from Hugh.