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Sunoco.

They are cutting a highway beyond Cassino and threatening to flank the German positions. Nazi paratroopers are resisting desperately. Also, the enemy has begun to flood the valley of the Liri River, in an attempt to block the Allied advance - apparently they want to hold Cassino at all costs and incorporate it in the series of fortified positions that they call the Adolf Hitler Line.

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ITALY

Tonight in Italy, the Germans are reported to be withdrawing rapidly from their Gustav Line, pulling back to their other fortified positions - called the Adolf Hitler Line. This occurs along twenty miles - from the Liri River to the Mediterranean. The Liri River is between the embattled town of Cassino and the coast, and the line of Nazi withdrawal is along about two-thirds of the distance this side of Cassino. In other words, the Allies are staging a general advance ~~along~~^{on} one flank of the Cassino position.

The word from Allied headquarters would seem to indicate that the Germans will try to hold Cassino, ~~and~~ incorporate it in their Adolf Hitler Line. In some places the Nazi retreat is virtually a rout. In

~~others~~ⁱⁿ - a slow withdrawal with stubborn fighting.

French forces, in their brilliant drive, have captured the regimental commander and his staff of a crack

German grenadier outfit. This grenadier regiment has been completely knocked out as a fighting force. And, still another much vaunted Nazi infantry regiment has been destroyed. The rapid advance has by-passed large enemy units, which are wandering aimlessly around the countryside - just waiting to be captured.

~~The Allied gains now range from three to eight miles along that stretch of mountainous country between the Liri River and the sea - advances that have completely obliterated the Gustav Line in that sector. And the~~

The chief glory is being credited to the French, who smashed a big gap in the enemy front and then poured through - forcing the Germans to fall back to their next series of defensive positions, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ that Adolf Hitler Line. I don't know how much the Nazis will be inspired by the name of their Fuehrer, but it certainly should be an incitement to the Allied forces - to hit Hitler in the shape of the line named after him.

AIR WAR

The weather over in Europe is bad, so bad that the aerial offensive against Nazi Germany is in a state of suspension. The heavy bombers had to stay on the ground today, and the only operation announced was a mosquito blow against the great German chemical plants at Ludwigshaven - last night. The mosquitos, which seem to be able to fly in all weather, dropped ^{pound} four-thousand blockbusters, right in the middle of huge factories that turn out German war chemicals.

the sentiment that has led to
In England, [^] the protest against the

obliteration bombing of German cities takes a new form.

A number of clergymen have been speaking out against the
type of aerial assault that leads to the heavy destruction
of civilian lives, and one of those ~~who have been~~

criticized the most for doing so is a suburban parish
Vicar, the Reverend J.C.S. Chamberlin of Shooters Hill.

Yes, there is an English place named - Shooters Hill.

And its Vicar today, in addition to his protests against
obliteration bombing, asked his congregation to offer
prayers on the subject of the second front invasion.

No, not to pray for the opening of the invasion - but

against it. Yes, he urged them to pray that the ^{great} ~~invasion~~,

^{assault} ~~^~~ with its inevitable ~~great~~ cost of human lives, might
never come.

All of which might seem to be an indication
of ^a ~~the~~ revival of the sentiments of extreme pacifists ⁱⁿ ~~the~~
[^] in England - at this stage of the war.

CIVIL GOVERNMENTS

An agreement is announced between the big Allies and the exiled governments of Holland, Belgium and Norway, [^]an agreement on the subject of the government of their respective countries when these are liberated from the Nazis. The exiled ^{regimes} ~~governments~~ will assume control and take over the civil administration of their homelands - "as soon as the military situation permits," says the agreement. ~~In other words, during the first phase of invasion, the Allied military command will be in full charge, and as soon as possible the former governments will be restored.~~

BURMA

London says that in India ^{and} Burma, the rains have already begun, the on-set of the Monsoon. The wet weather, however, has not yet impeded Allied military operations out there, ~~and Mountbatten's headquarters tells of another Japanese road block knocked out near Kohima while empire troops are massing to storm the last remaining positions that the enemy holds in the Kohima area of India.~~

In Burma - General Stilwell's Chinese troops are continuing their push down the valley of the Mogaung River, and at the same time the Chinese are launching a thrust from China. Chungking tells of four strong columns advancing on a hundred mile front west of the Salween River. And one of these has broken through the towering chain of the Kaoli Kung Mountains.

In New Guinea, the Japanese base of Wakde was hit hard from the air. We are likely to hear that curious name more and more, for Wakde seems to be taking the place of Wewak as a Number One target for our New Guinea bombers. Wewak has been pretty well neutralized by high explosive and Wakde now is being bombed repeatedly.

TURKEY

Still another nation reports a plot to overthrow its government, and this time it is not in Latin-America. The country is - Turkey. And the conspiracy sounds like something to go along with the legend of the Terrible Turk. It was hatched among ~~the~~ an outfit of dreamers, who call themselves "Turanists." The name derives from the Turanian, ^{the} a central Asia origin of the Turkish race. P The group had for its emblem the ancient symbol of the Turks - a gray wolf. And they certainly have wolfish ambitions - a theory of racism along Nazi lines, the idea being - that Turkey should conquer all of the lands with people of Turkish blood. A large part of Asia is inhabited by tribes called Turkish - Turkestan, for example, and other large sections of Central Asia. Most of these lands belong to Soviet Russia, and yet the Turanists, under the emblem of the Gray Wolf, had ideas of grabbing ~~all~~ ^{all}, and an ambition worthy of the

Terrible Turk ^{at his} ~~that is~~ most terrifying.

First the government regarded the Turanists as harmless crackpots, but a couple of weeks ago there was a disorderly demonstration by several hundred students afflicted with Turanist ideas. The police made an investigation and say they have discovered evidence that the Gray Wolf outfit was planning the overthrow of the government.

Now Hugh how about a
Standard ^{A California} ~~Old~~ Bulletin from you.

Today Father Orlemanski of the much debated mission to Moscow, was restored to his duties as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church. At Springfield, Massachusetts, Bishop O'Leary lifted the suspension that he had imposed because of the priest's trip to Russia without his Bishop's permission. This ~~elimination~~ eliminates the penance that had been imposed - a month of prayer and meditation in a monastery.

The Bishop's ~~action~~ followed a full apology by Father Orlemanski, who expressed his regret for the trip he made to see Stalin and promised to follow what he called - "the rule and mind of the Catholic Church." It is understood that at no time in the future will Father Orlemanski discuss the conversations he had with Stalin on the subject of Poland.

~~All of this follows the collapse which the priest suffered yesterday, as he was about to depart~~

Late this afternoon President Roosevelt stated that Government estimates for war spending have been cut -- slashed to the tune of eight billion, three hundred million dollars. This is the result of economy which has reduced Navy spending by four billion, and Army spending by three billion -- plus other items.

Meanwhile, however, the peculiar ructions

continue -- the freakish twists that have characterized

the case all along. Today, one of the defendants filed

damage suit of a hundred thousand dollars against his

own lawyer. The attorney had been appointed by the court

to represent him, and now he charges that the lawyer go

together with the prosecuting attorneys, the purpose

being -- to harass and ruin him. He is worth a hundred

SEDITION

Well, they finally got a jury in the big sedition trial. Today ten men and two women were sworn in - more than four weeks after beginning of court^t proceedings *— another expensive trial!* against the twenty-nine defendants; ~~so now maybe they~~
~~will be able to get on with the business of establishing~~
~~the guilt or innocence of the twenty nine who are~~
~~charged with conspiracy to undermine the morale of the~~
~~nation's armed forces and to establish a Nazi kind of~~
~~government in the United States.~~

Meanwhile, however, the peculiar ructions continue - the freakish twisters that have characterized the case all along. Today, one of the defendants filed a damage suit of a hundred thousand dollars against his own lawyer. The attorney had been appointed by the court to represent him, and now he charges that the lawyer got together with the prosecuting attorneys, the purpose being - to ~~xxxxx~~ betray him. So he wants a hundred thousand dollars.

And another defendant today filed a motion asking that there be an investigation of the sanity of three of the others on trial. He suggested that the three were cracked ~~and argued that they were, in his words~~ "incapable of understanding properly the nature of this trial and of conducting for themselves a proper defense." He asked the court for a sanity hearing, and also requested that the trial of the three be separated for the proceedings against the rest of the defendants, including himself.

It certainly sounds wild, when one of those on trial sues his own lawyer, and another makes the formal charge that three of his companions before the court may not be *a bit wacky.* ~~at all there in the head.~~

This plea produced an uproar, in which the defendant making it, had a verbal battle with the judge's gavel. He shouted arguments, and His Honor tried to shut him up by ~~xx~~ banging the gavel - whereupon the shouts grew louder, trying to drown out the hammering.

Still another defendant had a noisy argument with the judge, at the climax of which he roared:

"I demand a mental test." He wanted one for himself.

~~And if I don't get through with all of this nonsense,~~

~~I'll need a mental test myself.~~

PRIMARY

One thing to be noted about the California primary today was the smallness of the vote. Only about forty per cent of the registered voters took the trouble to cast their ballots in the primary - this in spite of the fact that the weather was good in most of the state. No great suspense attended the contest. Democratic national convention delegates pledged to President Roosevelt were ratified without opposition as were Republican delegates pledged to Governor Earl Warren.

The principal battle concerned the renomination of Senator Sheridan Downey, a Democrat and a strong supporter of the Administration. He ran against ten opponents, seven Republicans and three Democrats - the laws of California permitting members of one party to run in the primary of the other.

In New Jersey, an organization slate of

Republican delegates favoring Governor Dewey was winning at last reports by a wide margin over another delegate group pledged to draft Dewey. It seems to have been a case of Dewey versus Dewey.

SLAYING

Tonight
~~Down~~

at Colorado Springs, Private Joseph

Hollingsworth was giving strange and disjointed explanations of the headline hoax that he perpetrated.

He says that his fantastic confession that he had killed his wife was in reality a sort of suicide attempt.-

He was unhappy about killing his wife
~~he had been having a lot of domestic trouble~~ and hoped

that he would be executed for the pretended murder.

TP His wife, upon being located, after she was supposed to have been killed a couple of months ago, gave her version by saying that her husband at times had, what she called - "funny ideas." I should say they were funny!

TP Plenty of police activity was started when Private Hollingsworth walked into a Colorado Springs police station and announced his imaginary crime. A veteran of the campaign in the Aleutians, he told a highly circumstantial story of finding his wife with another soldier - whereupon he threw the soldier out, and

strangled the miss^uas. He dressed up the tale with all the gruesome details of a typical trunk murder.

He said this happened in Seattle, and there police investigated and promptly found the wife in question. She was on the job at a beauty parlor she runs, and the first she heard of the murder was when a policeman showed her the newspaper headlines, ttelling of her husband's confession, and said - "that's you." She was as surprised as only a murder victim found alive can be.

SAILOR

Here's a message to a sailor out in Los Angeles, and he should find it interesting. He's a second class seaman, whose car skidded off a highway in a rainstorm, ~~and~~ *Whereupon he* was helped obligingly by some men in black raincoats and weatherproof caps. They pushed his car back on the road, *and the sailor* ~~whereupon~~ he said to one of them - "Thanks fella!" And drove on.

Well, sailor, here is who those fellas were:- one was ~~Read~~ Admiral Hussey, Chief of the Navy Bureau of Ordnance; another was Rear Admiral Holmes, and the rest were four captains and three commanders.

~~And~~ *the one* sailor, *^* to whom you said: "Thanks fella!" - that was Admiral Hussey.

ACTOR

Over in England, they have a prodigy that can only be called - a super John Barrymore. His name is Ivor Novello, and he is not only an actor and a matinee idol, but also a song writer and a playwright. ~~He is~~ ~~the~~ Composer of the song - "Keep the Home Fires Burning" - and ~~he is~~ the author of two plays now running in London. In one of these he himself is the star, a hit called "The Dancing Years", which has been on the boards for five consecutive years. Dancing years indeed for any playwright! Ivor Novello is fifty years old now - but still a matinee idol ~~and the~~ ^{— a} darling of the ladies.

Today he was in a London court, facing a charge of having violated the rationing law in procuring gasoline for his big and shiny Rolls Royce car. And as he entered, a beautiful young woman in a brilliant red dress ran to him, flung her arms about him, kissed him fondly, and murmured, "Darling, how wonderful!"

And arm in arm they went into the court room, where it didn't turn out to be so wonderful.

The place was packed with celebrities of the London world of stage and fashion, a glittering assemblage that listened breathlessly to testimony telling about the Ivor Novello way of getting gas for that sumptuous Rolls Royce. And I suppose the beautiful girl ~~with the~~ ~~retinue~~ murmured once again, "Darling, how wonderful"

The judge, however, was different. He said - "Four weeks in jail". He sentenced Novello to serve that length of time at Wormwood Scrubs. Over in England they have some funny sounding place names, and I cannot think of anything more disillusioning than the picture of the British super John Barrymore incarcerated in a dungeon cell ^{at} ~~in~~ Wormwood Scrubs. Darling, how wonderful!

That's what the ladies say to you Hugh, Darling how wonderful.

More air blows in the Marshalls, with American sky forces assailing the Japs on atolls that have been by-passed and are virtually cut off. The principal assault was directed against Jaluit, which sustained a two-hundred-and-forty ton aerial bombardment on two successive days - so says the Navy.