

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Words of confidence from the Allied High Command:

General Weygand, the generalissimo, made a flying trip to the front and issued his order to attack. Then he dashed back to Paris where he told Premier Reynaud -- these are his words:-  
"I have full confidence in the result -- if everyone does his duty with fierce energy."

And this was promptly announced to the people of France. Premier Reynaud said also that the civil population must not be allowed to be frightened by German motorized raids. They're just like cavalry raids of the old days, the days of the Thirty Years War.

Yes, a note of hope tonight. General Weygand, Allied Commander-in-Chief, has given orders for an attack, an attack from the north, and an attack from the south. That order was issued to the Allied Armies after the Generalissimo had taken a flight in an airplane right over the German front. And there

is something new in War! Tonight on the left flank, and on the right flank, that German spearhead is being assaulted by the pick of the Allied troops.

Yes, and they were inspired by the ringing words of the Commander-in-chief, urging them to launch a furious onslaught upon Arras. They did! And now the French are once more in possession of that city; but what a city! What the Nazis evacuated was little more than a smoking heap of ruins.

Even the Germans today admit that they have not yet won this war. The Colonel-General in command of the German Sixth Army, told American correspondents, that the decisive battle is yet to come.

"We won the first tricks," he said, "but we have yet to meet the body of the enemy."

Incidentally, that German general said something which would answer <sup>S</sup> a question a lot of people in America are asking.

Who is the real commander-in-chief on the German side, whose ~~campaign is it, and~~ who gives the orders? The commander of the Sixth Nazi army says he makes all his reports to Adolf Hitler personally and takes his orders only from Hitler. Then he said once more:- "We know a greater battle must come."

Earlier ~~in the~~ <sup>to</sup> day, came reassuring word that the French had not only retaken Arras, but Abbeville, the French ~~part~~ town at the mouth of the Somme. ~~But~~ <sup>later</sup> that was denied, ~~not~~ <sup>tonight's</sup> only by the Germans, but by the French. Claims and counterclaims are somewhat confusing, but the French ~~later~~ <sup>have just</sup> announced that they ~~had~~ <sup>have</sup> severed the German line of communications to Abbeville, in other words, that they have the Nazis on the coast cut off and in a trap. <sup>And, quite</sup> ~~Here's~~ <sup>is</sup> the latest on that Channel port. An authorized spokesman of the French War Department says that the high command in Paris does not at the present moment know what's what in

Abbeville. They do not have exact information, the lines are fluctuating.

The Nazis, ~~EVER~~ for their part, announce that they have widened their hold on the coast of the English Channel to thirty miles, <sup>and</sup> that their motorized columns are pushing north toward Boulogne and Calais. <sup>This</sup> ~~And that~~ is somewhat corroborated by news from the British Royal Air Force. British bombers flew over that part of the country <sup>today</sup> and attacked the motorized German division <sup>that was pushing</sup> ~~proceeding~~, north. But they also report something that illustrates conditions in general throughout northern France. They were unable to bomb the Nazi armored cars as effectively as they might, for fear of hitting the streams of refugees going south along the road. <sup>and</sup> Evidently that's one secret of the rapidity of the German movements. The defending fighters frequently can't tell friend from enemy. And there's one word that appears in almost every dispatch from the front. ~~That~~ word ~~is~~ "chaos." No town in northern France knows when a deadly motor caravan may ~~not~~ sweep through the streets. Armored Nazi divisions pop up almost any time, any place.

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~~But~~ In northwest France, a whirlwind of German destruction is sweeping through the plains of <sup>Artois</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~ and Picardy. It's a mad <sup>all</sup> confusion of devastation; armed motorcycle squads, armored cars, and small tanks are carrying fire and death to the textile and lace factories in those old provinces. Ahead of the motorized death dealers, huge swarms of planes <sup>are</sup> dropping ~~destruction~~ destruction from the clouds. So far as we can gather, this is no systemitized movement, even though it <sup>is all</sup> part of a plan. The Nazi <sup>air and land</sup> destroyers are darting all over the place, bombing, burning, killing. And the City of Amiens is in flames once more, Amiens where the Christians in the Middle Ages built one of the finest treasures of Gothic architecture.

In the face of all this, the French continue to hope.

It was rumoured in Berlin tonight that Hitler has been concentrating heavy forces in Norway. The guessing is: that ~~this means an~~ invasion of Scotland. ~~They believe~~ <sup>That</sup> the Fuehrer is getting ready to risk his entire Navy in such an adventure backed up by a huge, intensive attack by his air forces.

~~Going back to France, the Germans~~ <sup>Berlin has just</sup> announce that they ~~have~~ taken Soissons, <sup>which</sup> ~~That's the place~~ they took twenty-two years ago less five days, in their drive on Paris.

But the British too have been carrying war into Nazi territory. Squadrons of their biggest bombers loaded with huge masses of destruction <sup>today filled</sup> ~~swarmed~~ the air over the Rhine Province. They dropped their explosives on highways and bridges, on railroad centers east of the Ruhr, on Nazi columns pushing to the front.

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ABBEVILLE

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Just about the wildest and most incredible of all the incredible ~~Almost the most amazing story of the whole war, is the~~ stories coming from France is the story description of the way the Nazis captured Abbeville. Apparently, the French have no home guards for such places. The consequence was, that a small, lightning detachment of German motorcyclists swept into town under cover of darkness, ~~and~~ promptly scattered to all the key points in Abbeville and seized them.

You might ask, how on earth could a troop of enemy on motorcycle get to the mouth of the Somme River unimpeded? The answer is that in the night it was impossible to distinguish <sup>apparently</sup> these ~~German~~ <sup>— tell them from</sup> ~~from what might have been~~ French or British troops. It was known that a number of Allied units, large and small, were behind the scattered fighting front. So as the German motorcycles roared through the smaller towns on the way, they met with no resistance that they couldn't <sup>so</sup> easily mow down with their machine guns. Evidently, each man carried a portable machine gun, such <sup>been known to use with such</sup> ~~as our~~ racketeers in this country have ~~used with such frequency~~ deadly effect.

It is obvious that those invaders knew the route to Abbeville perfectly, since they swept along at top speed. Each

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community through which they roared was taken by complete surprise. Their speed was such that nobody had a chance to telephone ahead and warn the authorities at Abbeville. For instance, the first inkling <sup>of it that</sup> ~~that~~ the Abbeville station-master had was the sudden appearance in the station signal box of a heavily armed Nazi soldier, just one soldier. With the stationmaster was a plainclothes detective. They made a rush for the soldier, but saw behind him a small detail of other Germans. The station-master and the detective ran, the German machine-gunner fired, <sup>and</sup> killed the station-master, ~~though~~ <sup>T</sup> the detective jumped into the river and swam to the opposite shore. More Germans of the small advance detachment went to key posts such as the telephone office, the post office, and the city hall. Presently, more motorcycle units poured into the town, followed by armored guards. Before daybreak there were between two and three thousand Nazis in that part at the mouth of the Somme River.

A ~~THE~~ French military expert explains it in this way:-

"It was a situation without analogy in the history of war. The enemy spearheads are deeply imbedded on the Somme between the

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Allied armies in the north and in Belgium, and the French armies in the south along the River Aisne. The British are holding a line near the Scarpe River on the right flank of the Germans. The French are holding the southern line on the German left flank. Between those two Allied forces is a distance of only thirty-five miles. "

It was plenty wide enough for the Nazis to ~~have~~ pour through.

And the French military expert adds that no army in the past would have dared to risk what the German army is now risking.

ENGLAND

On a London newspaper tonight was a huge banner proclaiming, "Government control of everybody and everything." As another paper phrased it, the state, Great Britain now has control of all persons and property. Such is the spectacular account of what happened in the British Parliament today. I've never heard of any bill being passed with such electric speed in that legislative body, which has been called the "mother of parliaments". The rule there is that every bill must be read three times, read publicly. This one was read at a gallup.

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And It gives the Winston Churchill Government full power over all industry and commerce with authority to dictate production, to open or close factories, even to seize and destroy property whenever it is considered necessary. <sup>TP</sup> The new British tax on excess profits is one hundred per cent. The Churchill Government also has complete power to draft labor, to take men from their present employment and put them to work wherever it becomes necessary for the national defense. All banking facilities <sup>now come</sup> under the control of the Crown. And, what's more, all persons and all property in the British Isles are at the full disposal of the Government.

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the government.

With all that in view, it sounds a bit strange in our ears that this measure should have been sponsored in the House of Commons by ~~Major~~ Clement Attlee, <sup>the Laborite</sup> ~~Lord Privy Seal~~ in Churchill's Cabinet. A measure which gives to the Cabinet absolute powers, dictatorial powers, without recourse to court or protest, <sup>and it was</sup> presented by the leader of the British Labor Party! <sup>all of which is a graphic</sup> ~~It is an excellent~~ <sup>example</sup> illustration of what modern war can do in <sup>a nation that is</sup> ~~what is supposed to be~~ one of the last strongholds of democracy.

Major Attlee was quite frank about the measure. He said the Government wants control not over some persons or any particular class, but over all persons, rich or poor, employer or worker, man or woman, and over all property. Then he added:- "Everything for which we stand is in jeopardy. Now is the time that we must throw all our weight into the struggle." But Attlee also said:- "I do not ask for these powers in any spirit of panic. There is no need for panic." In other words, even though the German invader is figuratively at the door, Britain is prepared to resist to the utmost.

CANADA FOLLOW ENGLAND

And the Dominion of Canada will probably follow the  
*example of the Mother Country. For,*  
~~suit of the old country. That news broke in Ottawa the minute~~  
~~the latest proceedings in London became known.~~ Prime Minister  
*today*  
~~Mr. MacKenzie~~ MacKenzie King, announced in the Canadian House of Commons  
that his government is considering sweeping measures similar to *those*  
~~that which has been~~ *just* passed by the mother *of* parliaments. Even the  
leaders of the opposition parties in the Dominion have *come forth* ~~said that~~  
*with the word that they too are*  
~~they are~~ in favor of conscription of various types.

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DEFENSE

And here's the latest on American defense, it came over the wire just ten minutes ago. The United States Senate in record time has passed the Army Supply Bill appropriating one billion, eight hundred and twenty-three millions. That's for the Army alone. The Senators immediately got ready to pass the bill for the Navy carrying almost one billion and a half.

~~A meeting of ten thousand German sympathizers in northern New Jersey,~~  
~~all getting~~  
~~the other day. They gathered together to cheer and drink beer~~ <sup>and</sup>  
~~celebrate~~ <sup>and</sup>  
~~the Nazi invasion of Holland and Belgium.~~

President Roosevelt took action today. He sent a message to Congress, and the subject of it was "Fifth Column treachery." He wants not only espionage but immigration and naturalization turned over to the Department of Justice. The

G-men have been handling the spy business for some time. But now

<sup>the President</sup>  
~~Mr. Roosevelt~~ wants to turn the supervision of all aliens over to the Bureau of Investigation. <sup>He believes that the</sup> ~~The~~ startling sequence of international events requires a review of measures for the safety <sup>of this</sup> ~~of the~~ nation.

And he adds:- "This proposal does not reflect any intention to deprive them of their civil liberties or otherwise impair their legal status."

Almost at the same moment, Chairman Dies of the Un-American Activities Committee introduced his bill which has been expected for some time. It calls for keeping out not only Communists but likewise Nazi and Fascist aliens. No visas of temporary entry to aliens unless they can <sup>that they will</sup> ~~prove~~ ~~they will~~ be allowed to return to

Chairman Dies asks that  
the country from which they came. Immigration quotas to be reduced,  
and he calls for the fingerprinting of all aliens who want American visas, ~~deportation~~  
<sup>all</sup> of aliens who turn out to be Nazis, Fascists, Communists or  
habitual criminals! that is what he asks  
Congress to do.

MUSICA

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The curtain falls today on one of the most extraordinary swindle dramas in the history of crime. I mean, the colossal Musica conspiracy of fraud on the McKesson and Robbins Drug Company. The man whose distorted brain conceived and engineered the plot was not there for the last act. As you will remember, he committed suicide when it was revealed that the highly respectable F. Donald Coster, ~~the~~ millionaire resident of Connecticut, president of an eighty-six million dollar firm, was none other than the ex-convict and swindler, Philip Musica.

The curtain rang down <sup>on it all</sup> in a federal court in New York today.

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The judge passed sentence on the seven men who had been Musica's accomplices. Three of his brothers, his two brothers-in-law, and one other confederate had pleaded guilty. The judge gave them terms of varying length in prison. One former vice-president of the Company, John H. McGloon, took his chances with a jury and was found guilty of having violated the Securities and Exchange Act. Two others also stood their trial and were acquitted, but the judge said he thought the jury would have been justified in convicting them.



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The late Mr. Balzac, ~~wrote some~~ unforgettable novels, ~~told~~  
*the*  
about swindlers ~~of~~ his time, but he never visualized anything  
*of* the scope of the slant, *manoeuvres* and *capers* of the late Philip Musica.  
Many people, including some who investigated his crime, have  
declared that his abilities, the financial capacity of his brain,  
if exercised in the right direction, would have made him far more  
millions on the right side of the law than even the huge pile he  
had accumulated as a criminal.

And now Hugh,

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