

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In the heart of the Ukraine, the Nazi hordes had thirty divisions of the Red Army caught in a circle of steel tanks. The Soviet legions dashed themselves against that steel ring again and again, making furious efforts to get out. But it was all in vain. Four Soviet armies, thirty whole divisions, more than four hundred and fifty thousand men, destroyed.

That's ^Ttonight's war story -- from Berlin. Staggering if true. Almost half a million men, four armies, cut to pieces! And it is ominous that Moscow has nothing to say about all this:-
in the Ukraine.

Over the weekend the Reds admitted that they had lost Kieve.

In Berlin, it is confidently believed tonight that the advance guard of Field Marshals von Rundstedt and von Bock are within thirty-five miles of

Kharkov. ~~And if~~ so, the blitzkrieg machine is forging ahead in high gear.

The Nazis ^a~~were~~ crowing just as loudly about naval successes. They claim to have sunk one Russian cruiser, two destroyers, one anti-aircraft ship, and nine freighters in the Black Sea, and put out of action a Soviet Cruiser and a destroyer in the Baltic.

In the north, the Finns ^{tells us} ~~claim~~ they are pushing the Reds out of the islands in Lake Ladoga.

~~One gets pretty near the truth of the situation in the Battle of Russia by watching the temper of London,~~ On the banks of the Thames they ^{are} ~~are~~ saying tonight that if necessary British troops will join the Red Army in defense of the oil fields of the Caucasus. In other words, London is not too optimistic and is expecting Hitler to drive from the Ukraine straight across to the Caucasus. The Soviet paper PRAVDA claims that ^{Hitler is in} ~~he has~~ desperate need of oil, ^{and} that the campaign in Russia has used up five million tons of his total reserve of seven million ^{tons of oil,}

Moscow had to console its people with reports about the terrific losses of the Nazis. They declare that a hundred and fifty thousand Germans were killed in the Battle of Kiev.

and that the Nazi divisions besieging Leningrad have lost as high as forty per cent ^{of their strength.} They also announce that they ^{themselves} have recaptured thirty-two more villages on the central front and many German positions as well.

Meanwhile, Odessa still is holding out. ^{But} For the most part, Moscow has been silent since this morning. The official news agency ^{today} concentrated chiefly on denouncing the Government of Bulgaria. ^{Tend to confirm the} ~~and that confirms the flying~~ rumors that the Bulgars are going to join the Nazis in attacking their ^{brother} ~~fellow~~ Slavs, the Russians. It seems to be agreed that King Boris of Bulgaria hasn't much choice in the matter. It's a case of joining Hitler, or else. London reports that ^{Boris} ~~he~~ was visiting Hitler over ~~the~~ the weekend. According to some accounts, he's in a particularly unenviable position, ^{being} ~~he's~~ a kinsman of the British royal family, and himself strongly pro-British, ^{also} remembering that his father joined the Kaiser in the last war and got the worst of it.

The leader of the Bulgarian Peasant Party, who is in exile in London, says that the vast majority of his countrymen are agin the Nazis. That makes King Boris's plight all the ~~graver~~

grimmer. If he says "no" to Hitler, his country will be overrun.

If he says "yes", he'll probably have a revolution on his hands.

After Bulgaria is well in Hitler's net, ^{then no} ~~everybody~~ [^]
doubt will come an
~~expects a NAZI~~ ultimatum to Turkey, ~~also~~. [^]

Here's the latest: ~~sensation about Bulgaria~~. The
^{just} London radio was ^{here -} overheard ~~in New York~~ [^] broadcasting a story that
every Communist in the Bulgarian House of Deputies had been
executed, that all members of the former Bulgarian Peasant Party
had been interned, and a hundred and twenty Communists thrown
into German concentration camps.

FRANCE

The Nazis have issued a fresh warning to the people of Occupied France. The executions of hostages that they have carried out so far will be like a drop of water in the ocean if this anti-Nazi business doesn't stop at once, *say they.*

The special court erected for the purpose has been working overtime. Four more people were sentenced to death, thirty-one others to terms in jail, among them nine women. Two hundred people have been arrested within the last two days. In Berlin

in one month
it was announced that two hundred and ninety-five people have been executed in the countries occupied by the Nazis. ~~In one month. Just~~

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For instance, a butcher in Poland, ~~was~~ executed for killing twenty pigs and fifteen cows and selling them not to the Nazi authorities, but on the so-called Black Market.

SHIPS

The Nazi high command also tells of a savage blow dealt to the British. German U-boats raided a couple of British convoys in the Atlantic and bagged thirteen ships including two tankers.

A total
~~That meant a~~ tonnage of eighty-two thousand five hundred ~~tons.~~

D.N.B., the Nazi official news agency, claims that in one week they destroyed over a quarter of a million British ^{tons} ~~tonnage~~, including a hundred and sixty-four thousand tons in Icelandic waters.

The British, on the other hand, report officially that their subs and airplanes got a big bag of Italian shipping, a convoy in the Mediterranean, carrying reinforcements to Libya.

Sinking four
~~They sank four ~~Italian ships~~~~ Italian ships, damaged ^{ing} ~~ed~~ another; *and*
~~also~~ one of Mussolini's destroyers.

GIBRALTAR

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We don't get many war communiques from Duce Mussolini's boys of late. So the one that came today is not only rare but ~~quite~~ spectacular. ~~The~~ It claims that a squad of Italian Suicide Boats eased their way into the harbor of mighty Gibraltar with devastating success. Right under the powerful guns of the Rock they sank three British freighters and ^{seriously} damaged a fourth, ~~irretrievably~~.

It is explained that the boats used in these raids are known in naval slang as Grasshoppers because they can actually jump over torpedo nets. Each one of them is nothing but a sort of human torpedo with a detachable stern. The second the torpedo is dispatched on its deadly errand, the stern that cuts loose becomes an outboard motor boat. Each of them carries a crew of two men, members of the suicide squad.

CHILE

The Chilean Government has arrested twenty-nine people suspected of being pro-Nazi Fifth Columnists. The latest of them is foreman of a huge ranch in Chile, formerly a commander of Nazi storm troopers in the fatherland. In one Chilean city the police are guarding two powerful radio stations believed to be in use by Nazis.

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The Chilean government is also investigating the report that the Nazis have arrested a number of Chileans in Berlin, Vienna, and Paris as reprisals for the arrest of pro-Nazis in Chile. The Chilean Ambassador is being told to get accurate information and if he finds that the report is true ^{then} the government of Chile will take definite action.

BERLIN - BOMBS

Here's a neutral eye-witness account of the damage done to Hitler's Berlin by Royal Air Force raids. The answer is, not much, according to American singers who have been appearing in Germany. A couple of them, just arrived from the other side. They lost their jobs in the German opera houses because of our aid to Britain. A tenor from Pittsburgh said that he overheard a British radio broadcast on the day after the biggest raid, September Seventh. The British radio said ~~that~~ the raiders had left the sky red over Berlin. But, said the tenor, he didn't see any red.

A lady singer from Worcester, Mass., declared that Berlin certainly has not been hard hit and that she herself remained in bed throughout all the raids.

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Here's a war thriller from the African desert. A Tasmanian officer of the Royal Air Force, a wing commander, had a dogfight with a Nazi in a Junkers bomber somewhere along the desert frontier between Libya and Egypt. The Tasmanian won, but at the cost of his own machine. His only way of getting home to his own

(try and fly it) (captured)
headquarters was to fly with the Junkers bomber across the desert.

Needless to say, the flying instrument ^{panel of a} ~~of the~~ German plane is vastly different from that of the British and American ships that the R.A.F. are using in Egypt and Libya. However, the young Tasmanian climbed behind the controls and with a German dictionary in his hand contrived to decipher the readings on the panel. He took off and got along pretty well until an oil gage burst in his face. That forced him to the ground and he started to make his way on foot across the desert with nothing but half a can of water and a can of meat.

Before he had gone **very** far, he came across another damaged Junkers on the ground. He took the oil gage out of it, plodded back across the sands, and fitted the oil gage into the

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first machine. Then he took off again. Twice more he had a

forced landing. The last time was because he ^{was} short of gas.

The story doesn't say where he met with ^{that} the last forced landing,

but evidently there was a naval officer on the spot from Tobruk. ^G

^{who} That naval officer produced ten gallons of ordinary automobile

gasoline. So the two of them took off on the last lap of their

journey.

But that wasn't the last of the danger. As he approached

his own airfield he presented to the men of his own squad the

spectacle of an enemy bomber approaching. As he came ^{sliding down,} to ground,

a squad of R.A.F. soldiers rushed forward with fixed bayonets and

surrounded him. Imagine the astonishment of ^{these} R.A.F. ^{lads} soldiers

when they saw one of their own officers climbing out of the cockpit--

of a Nazi bomber!

NEUTRALITY

Secretary of State Hull today put in his bit in favor of modifying the Neutrality Act. Substantial modification, is what he would ^{like} ~~love~~ to see. As it stands, no American ships may carry war supplies to any part of the British Isles or to any part of European Russia. Neither may any of our merchant ships carry cannon to protect themselves.

The Secretary reminded the newspapermen that when the Neutrality Act was first passed - he called it an "embargo act" - ^{and} both he and the President declared that it would be just as likely to get the United States into the war as keep us out.

Of course, opinions among Congressmen are mixed. Senator Tom Connally of Texas, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, agrees with the Secretary and thinks ^{the} ~~that~~ act will be modified, ~~and right~~ soon. On the other hand, Senator George of Georgia, Ex-Chairman of ^{the} ~~that~~ same Committee, declared over the weekend that the people of the United States ought to have a chance to express themselves about it.

PINK STAR

I have a bulletin just handed me, saying that the State Department at Washington has just announced the sinking of the United States Government owned steamship, the PINK STAR. This occurred in waters near Iceland, on September Nineteenth.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor may not lunch at the White House on Thursday after all. It's because of sickness in the President's family. Mrs. Roosevelt's picturesque and jovial brother, Hall Roosevelt, is gravely ill in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, and there's not much hope for his recovery. The First Lady has been at her brother's bedside today and Mr. Roosevelt himself cancelled everything but his essential official engagements.

One that he did not cancel was a conference with leaders of Congress. He summoned them to the White House to ask them to speed up the passage of his latest six billion dollar appropriation for lend-lease. Actually the sum he asked was for five billions, nine hundred and eighty-five millions. But Congressman McCormack, Democratic leader in the House, revealed today that there will be supplemental appropriations which will bring the total well above six billions. There will be committee hearings this week and the bill will probably be out of committee by the week after next.

The President and the leaders of Congress also discussed that price control bill which has been in the House now for two months.

When that appropriation is passed by Congress, which it surely will be, Uncle Sam will have undertaken to spend the grand total of sixty-six billions one hundred and ninety-five millions. That's the figure calculated by the Office of Production Management. More than fifty-six and a half billions have already been authorized.

MINERS

That mine strike against John L. Lewis ^{loomed bigger} ~~got larger~~ today.

Two weeks ago it started in the southern Pennsylvania fields of the anthracite mines with twenty thousand men walking out sooner than pay Lewis any larger dues.

Early this morning, two thousand of the strikers invaded the Wyoming Valley, where there are a lot of mines, and closed two of the largest of them. It was a **perfectly** peaceable affair, but effect^{ive}~~ual~~. Their fellow members of the United Mine workers refused to pass through the picket lines, and ~~and~~ the mines were closed down. The strikers are now aiming at shooting down the entire hard coal industry of Pennsylvania sooner than pay those increased assessments to Lewis.

HURRICANE

That hurricane which was on its way to Louisiana is now headed for Texas. The way it was moving at first, it would have raised Cain with three hundred of our fighting airplanes, dive bombers and combat ships maneuvering with the Third Army in Louisiana. So the high command ordered the planes out of

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the path of that ² tropical storm. ^{Then} But shortly after noon, ^{the} word ~~was broadcast~~ ^{came} that the ~~tropical storm~~ ^{hurricane} had turned westward,

^{whirling} getting faster as it went, ~~moving at the rate of seventeen knots~~ ^{along} on the coast of Texas between Sabine and Brownsville.

Apparently another storm is moving northeast, for the Weather Bureau has ordered warnings hoisted all the way from Cape Hatteras to Rhode Island. A gale will hit the Maryland-Virginia coast tonight, Delaware and New Jersey tomorrow, and Long Island

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^{And it may} Tuesday night. ~~Maybe it'll~~ ^{bring} enough rain ~~with it~~ to break the three weeks' drought that has been parching the soil and burning up ^{here} all crops in the Atlantic States.

BASEBALL

This afternoon, the Brooklyn Dodgers, Our Bums, took vengeance on the Phillies for the loss of one game of yesterday's double-header, the double-header that left our Bums only one game ahead of Cards.

Today at Philly, the Dodgers took a five-to-nothing game from the Quakers. Now they are a game and a half in the lead, with only four more left to play, two against the Phillies, two against the Boston Braves. The Cards have six games to play, four against the formidable Pittsburgh Pirates, and two against the Chicago Cubs.

Now here comes Hugh, on roller skates.