

DR ROY CHAPMAN ANDREWS, TUESDAY, MAY 29, 1945

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

This afternoon we had a message from Chungking, indicating that Lowell Thomas would not be on the radio out there to come in on this program tonight. Further - that he wouldn't be on from Chungking until the day after tomorrow. We can't guess what happened to Lowell. His schedule called for him to arrive at Chungking a day or so ago - on his trip around the world, for visits to air bases in Asia and the Pacific war zones. All we can do is wait till Thursday, hoping that he will then get through on this program, and tell us what happened.

Tonight's word is that the teeming city of Yokohama is being swept by a tempest of flame. A strong wind is blowing over Japan, and that has whipped up the great conflagration started by thirty-two hundred tons of incendiary bombs from B-29s. ^{Returning} ~~It~~ pilots say they saw smoke billowing nearly four miles into the air - over Japan's great port and industrial center.

The Losses sustained by the Flying Fortresses in the Yokohama attack were light. During the two last bombings of Tokyo, Thursday and Saturday, thirty-one B-29s were shot down. Over Yokohama, only two. Japanese fighter opposition was weak, and anti-aircraft fire was heavy in some places and light in others - as the superforts delivered the fire attack that apparently means the virtual destruction of Yokohama. ~~Without a doubt, Yokohama will be ruined as completely as~~ ~~the city~~ ^{Thus,} the city has twice been destroyed in twenty-five years. In Nineteen Twenty-three, came the great earthquake.

and fire. I was in Yokahoma a few days later. I could hardly believe that ~~such~~ such complete destruction of any city was possible. Do you know there was not a single undamaged building in the entire city. It looked like a dump heap in a brickyard. Captain Robinson, an old-time Pacific skipper probably saw one of the most amazing spectacles any man has ever witnessed. He was standing on the bridge of the Canadian Pacific Liner, AUSTRALIA, which was to sail at noon. Orders had just been given to cast off the mooring lines, when without warning, the city collapsed like a house of cards, before his eyes. Imagine seeing an entire city simply disintegrate! One incident he told me which stood out with photographic clearness in his mind was an automobile full of laughing Japanese racing down the wharf. Suddenly a great hole opened, and the car vanished from sight as though by magic. The Australia herself was in grave danger. The lines from a capsized freighter had fouled her propellor and she could not be moved. Two Canadian sailors went over the stern and cut away the ropes just in time to

avoid a great mass of burning oil, acres in extent, which was moving swiftly toward the vessel, on the surface of the water.

The stories of escape of some of my friends were fantastic. The agent of the Great Northern Railway was just about to step into the back entrance of the Grand Hotel when the building suddenly fell away inward. A crack in the earth opened between his feet and closed again, leaving him unscathed.

After the earthquake, Yokahoma was rebuilt with modern construction of steel and reinforced concrete. Nevertheless, it ~~has not protected it from the B29's~~ ^{has not protected it from the B29's}.

OKINAWA

New gains on Okinawa - with American troops scoring another advance of nearly a mile to the south of Yonabaru. That's on the east coast of the island. On the west coast, Naha, the capital, ~~is~~ is reported to be about two-thirds captured.

At the center of the line the ancient castle of Shuri, which the Japs turned into a powerful fortification, is being pounded by the sixteen inch shells of the guns of American warships. This terrific bombardment is said to have smashed gaping holes in the castle walls, which are twenty feet thick, built of coral. Coral walls don't sound very impressive. But, they are almost as hard to demolish as concrete.

SUICIDE PLANES

Here is a news dispatch about - the "father-and-son-divine-thunder-machine". That may sound like some crack-pot dream of mythology, but it really pertains to a new kind of Jap suicide plane - which is announced by Tokyo today. The Japs call the suicide planes they've been using "divine thunder machines". Now they say they have devised a new kind of contraption along the line of the piggy-back-plane -- a large aircraft carrying and launching the suicide pilot on the smaller ones. And that combination of big and little produces that cockeyed oriental verbiage - "father and son divine thunder machine."

SINKING

Today's disclosure of the sinking of an American escort aircraft carrier is tied in with one of the wild battle episodes of the war. The carrier "Block Island," the only one lost in the battle of the Atlantic, was torpedoed by a U-boat a year ago.

The news today goes on to a German submarine, that was spotted by a plane from the carrier "Block Island." The plane flashed ~~the~~ word to the United States Destroyer "Buckley," which went charging to the scene, and got into a battle with the ~~submarine~~ ^{submarine} - one of the wildest fights ever staged on any ocean. Shells from the destroyer hit the U-boat, and set the conning tower on fire, after which the destroyer closed with the sub.

This was at night, in bright moonlight, and the two craft were side by side. The conflict developed into an affray reminiscent of the old days when wooden sailing ships lay alongside each other and attacked by boarding. The German submarine crew tried to board the destroyer, climbing up on the sides. The Americans knocked them off as their heads appeared.

It was such a harum-scarum affair that any weapon at hand was used. Two of the Germans trying to board the Buckley were bowled over with coffee cups. Others with shell cases. Five were made prisoner, after having succeeded in boarding the destroyer, ~~apparently~~. One was captured by a gunner's mate who was armed with only a hammer.

Then the submarine drew off, trying to escape, and was again hit by shell fire. The U-boat ~~made~~ made a dive, and that was followed by a heavy explosion - the enemy craft blowing up under water.

SYRIA

A late story states that French troops are shelling the city of Damascus - with mortars. This is the latest in the trouble in Syria - which resulted in the killing of a hundred Syrians. French occupation forces have been attacked far and wide, and now - French mortars are shelling Damascus.

BIG THREE

In London Prime Minister Churchill stated today that he contemplates an early meeting with President Truman and Marshal Stalin. The statement was made without comment - merely a reply to a question. He was asked if he expected a meeting of the Big Three soon , and answered - "Yes".

SECRET AGREEMENT

Today brought a disclosure of what purports to be a secret agreement made in Nineteen Forty between British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Marshal Petain then head of the Vichy government of France. The disclosures are made in a book printed at Montreal and passed by Canadian censorship - the author being a French professor who states that he acted as a go-between in the formation of the Churchill-Petain agreement.

According to the story, Petain promised Churchill that he would resist all German attempts to seize the French colonies, and would refuse to turn over the French fleet to the Nazis. Moreover - Petain promised to join the British, whenever they showed they were in a position to enable defeated France to take action against Germany.

~~We are told that this Churchill-Petain agreement was made without the knowledge of Leval - the collaborationist member of the Vichy government, who tried to force Petain to declare war on the British.~~

HAW HAW

The British have captured Lord Haw Haw - the Nazi propoganda voice with the cultured Oxford accent, who was long a favorite jol in England.

A party of British troops was going through a patch of woods on the Danish border, when up came a well dressed man and spoke to them first in German, then in French, and finally in English. They recognized his English - the accents of a comedy lord at which Britain had laughed so much. In the arrest, Lord Haw Haw was shot and wounded - after making a movement like drawing a gun.

The word from London indicates that it is ~~uncertain~~ ^{uncertain} whether he will be tried as an ordinary war criminal or as a British traitor.

Lord Haw Haw is William Joyce, who was born in New York of Irish parents. His family went to live in London, and there he acquired the Oxford accent. He got in with the English Fascist crowd headed by Sir Oswald Mosley, and when the war broke out he went to Germany to join the Nazis. There, he became ~~XXXXXX~~ a

naturalized German, a German citizen. And that fact,
says London, might make him immune from a legal charge
of treason - he having acquired German citizenship, *and*
legally a German. So he might be just a war criminal.

Lloyd George

It was disclosed in London today that the late Lloyd George, who made history as British Prime Minister in World War Number One left a will that cuts off his eldest son without a penny. The one time Prime Minister was made an Earl for his services to the British Empire - and he left a fortune. It is estimated that Earl Lloyd George earned more than Five Million Dollars through his writings. His eldest son, Major Richard Lloyd George, succeeds to the title - and becomes an Earl. But of the money - he inherits nothing. "I am left nothing at all in the will", the new Earl stated today.

Why? Why did Earl Lloyd George cut off his eldest son and heir to his title? Because the son did not enter politics. The new Earl Lloyd George states: "I never did want to go into politics and never shall. It was something my father could never understand. That is why he has left me not a bean in his will".

What profession did the son follow - instead of politics? The new Earl is a civil engineer - and that

might not seem so bad. But the veteran political Lloyd George loved politics, and never could forgive his son for not sharing the parental taste. All of which would certainly sound like one of the most extreme instances of political fervor on record.

SECURITY REGULATIONS

One of the grave and portentous phenomena of this wartime is - military secrecy. All sorts of vital and strategic information has to be kept under dark concealment - lest it be an aid to the enemy. This was the case in a Washington bureau presided over by an Army Colonel who appears to be of a skeptical turn of mind. The Washington Post today tells of an experiment he made to test the secrecy of his department and see if everything was really so very - hush, hush.

He enlisted the aid of two Wacs, for whom he procured civilian clothing and to whom he gave instructions that sent them on the following expedition. First they went around to government bureaus pretending to be looking for jobs. In that way they procured some ordinary visitors' badges. These got them into an official cafeteria, where they swiped a couple of permanent badges from coats lying around. These permanent badges they doctored up with purple paper and cellophane to make them look top official.

Thus equipped, they proceeded to the "hush

"hush department. There, on the strength of their impressive looking badges, they were readily admitted, and proceeded to swipe some secret documents. They got some others, equally confidential, merely by asking for them.

They took their collection of military secrets back to the Colonel, whose reaction is described by the newspaper account as follows: "He was so astounded that he made the Wacs tell him their story twice."

All of which may astound the radio audience so much that maybe I ought to tell this story twice - but I won't.

FINE

Some words have several meanings - including terrifying meanings. At Cleveland today Robert Harris, a handyman, appeared before the Judge, charged with driving while intoxicated. Maybe Mr. Harris's reactions were exaggerated by a hangover - shaky nerves, the jitters.

The Judge, having heard the evidence of drunken driving, pronounced sentence in a grave and judicial voice. He said: "A hundred dollars and costs - to be executed by June Second".

"My God, Judge", gasped Harris, and he collapsed, falling into the arms of two policemen. When he heard the word "executed", it meant only one thing to him - ~~the~~ the chair.

Andrew Goodnight