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GREECE

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Here's
The latest from the Greek front: ~~is~~ That Mussolini's men are in a bad spot. ~~Of course.~~ The Italians don't admit it, and if this came only from the Greek side, we might be obliged to look askance at it. But it comes from neutral sources in Jugoslavia. Dispatches from Belgrade, the Serb capital, bring word that Mussolini's generals have been compelled to rush reinforcements to their hard pressed troops on the Greek-Albanian frontier. There is fierce fighting on a wide front, say these Jugoslav sources, with bad weather to make it all the more difficult, preventing Mussolini's airplanes from going to the rescue of his columns.

The Jugoslavs report that General Metaxas ^{now} has ~~fixed~~ ~~got~~ a heavy concentration of troops below the Albanian border, putting up a stiff resistance wherever the Italians try to break

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Also —
through. ~~and~~ the Italians are running into difficulties in their efforts to come through the mountain passes. Snipers hiding behind with rifles and machine guns, the crags, are picking off the Italians, tumbling men, guns and mules off the narrow paths, ~~with not only rifles but machine guns.~~

British warships ~~in force~~ have moved into Aegean waters have sown and ~~sowed their~~ mines off the west coast of Greece and south of

Athens, ^{thus closing} ~~In that way they've closed off~~ the gulfs of Patras,
Corinth and Aegina, ^{to} ~~thus~~ protecting Athens.

The most spectacular activity on the part of the Axis today was diplomatic and newspaper talk. Both the Fascists and the Nazis are trying to bring all sorts of pressure to bear upon the Greeks to abandon their resistance and overthrow their government. It was hinted in Rome that secret negotiations are being conducted to end ~~this~~ war with Greece. The idea of the Fascists is to throw out the Metaxas government, throw out King George and put his brother, the Crown Prince Paul, on the throne. Paul is known to have strong pro-Italian sympathies. At the same time it is reported that at present Prince Paul and his wife, a German Princess, are under arrest in their palace four miles outside of Athens. Premier Metaxas is preparing to send them to the Island of Crete, turn them over to the British.

The Nazis and Fascists are making a strong propaganda fight on the Greek population. The Nazis in particular are spreading word that the Greeks are receiving no help whatsoever from the British. This is the information that the Nazi newspapers are giving

to their readers and so far as possible to the rest of Europe.

They are pointing out to the Greeks that the British didn't

help Poland, and ~~were~~ ^{are now} physically unable to give the ~~Hellenes~~ ^{Greeks}

any help against the Italians. Remember the fate of Norway, ^{! That's}

~~is~~ the argument being made to the Greeks, who have been told

that Greece is the Norway of the Balkans.

FRANCE

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Marshal Petain today gave the French people an inkling of what he had discussed last week with Adolf Hitler. He had agreed, said the aged Marshal, to work in collaboration with the Nazis. However, he said no details have been settled. At the same time, he warned the French that an armistice is not peace. Hitler, he said, had imposed no conditions on him, issued no dictatorial order. The head of the French Government added that he had agreed to collaborate with the Nazis to maintain French unity in order that the load of suffering on the country may be lightened. "This collaboration with Germany must be sincere and it must exclude all thought of aggression. It must be composed of patience and confident effort. France," he said, "has numerous obligations to her conquerors but at least she retains her sovereignty." And he added that sovereignty demands defense of the soil, to stamp out divergence of opinion, and to reduce disagreement in the colonies.

On top of that, Marshal Petain put out a decree suppressing all local government in French colonies. He abolished the general consuls and the local assemblies, and ordered that all power should be concentrated in the hands of the governors. The governors alone will

be held responsible to Petain.

Then ~~Petaim~~ ^{the Vichy Marshal} issued another peculiar decree. This was that

all executions, all beheadings in French colonies, should be kept

secret. Formerly, they took place in public. Of course this is

interpreted as being aimed at sympathizers with the deGaulle

movement of Free Frenchmen. *If they do away with you, you just vanish.*

LUPESCU

Here's the low-down on Magda Lupescu and her husband, Ex-King Carol of Rumania. The Rumanians want that famous red-headed lady back in Bucharest, because they hope to get sixty million dollars out of her. ^{Such is} ~~That is~~ the neat little sum wich Carol is believed to have turned over to the one-time junk dealer's red headed daughter. That's the explanation made by Spencer Williams, an American correspondent who returned from Europe today on the steamship EXCALIBUR. The Rumanian Iron Guard, he says, have no intention of trying to get their hands on Carol. They don't want to do anything, says Williams, to distress or upset young King Michael. The boy King is supposed to be exceedingly sad over the separation from his father as it is.

A dispatch from Seville brings word that the Ex-King is there still, with his party: ^{and} they've not yet received permission ~~to leave~~ to leave Seville for Granada.

DEFENSE

Uncle Sam's army Air Corps has a new plane. It's a fighter, an improved model capable of carrying several soldiers, two cannon, and two motors with great power. It was delivered at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, today.

LOTTERY

Every card player is glad when he picks up his hand and finds four aces in it. In almost any game you can think of, four aces are pretty useful. Today they ^{also} turned out to be ~~also~~ useful in the national draft lottery. For the number representing four aces, one thousand, one hundred and eleven, turned up quite late in the draw - in fact it was the six thousand, eight hundred and sixty-eighth number to be drawn. That means of course that men who hold the Number one thousand, one hundred and eleven, are not likely to be called to the service for a long, long time. — *lucky 4 aces — unless you are in a hurry to serve*

Similarly, the numbers eleven and seven, so lucky in a dice game, ^{well,} ~~turned out to be pretty lucky in the draft.~~ Number seven didn't show up until six thousand and seventy-seven other numbers had been drawn, and the number eleven came in more than six hundred draws later. Seven thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven came in later still.

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Young John Roosevelt, the youngest son of the President, ^{drew} ~~turned out to be in pretty good luck also.~~ He held draft number eighteen seventy-four. That was drawn early today, the seven thousand, two hundred and ninety-eighth number to be drawn. *which*

means it is ~~most unlikely~~ unlikely that young John ~~Roosevelt~~ will be called to service.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox had an announcement to make in connection with the draft. He said that men whose numbers have been drawn may, if they like, apply for enlistment in the Navy or the Marine Corps. If they're qualified they'll be enlisted and their names will be ~~ruled~~ ^{dropped} from the draft. ^{Also almost} ~~anybody~~ volunteering now will undoubtedly become a petty officer when Uncle Sam's two-ocean Navy is built.

POLITICS

Both presidential candidates are ending up their campaigns in the field. Tonight Willkie will make a major address at Baltimore. Early tomorrow morning he will be in Wilmington, Delaware. Then he will make a short jump to one of the most important industrial centers of Pennsylvania, Chester, where he will talk for ten minutes from a platform erected near the Pennsylvania station at ten forty-five A.M.

Then on
~~From there he will go~~ to Trenton, and ^{Plainboro,} ~~Plainfield,~~ New Jersey.

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In the evening, he will make another major address at Camden, which will be broadcast. On Friday, Willkie is to speak at New Brunswick and Elizabeth, New Jersey.

And the National Committee of Democrats for Willkie had an announcement to make today. Former Governor Alfred E. Smith will

finish up his campaign on behalf of Willkie with a coast-to-coast broadcast on the eve of the election, ^{Monday evening} ~~he will speak over the Blue~~ *at nine,*

~~Network of N.B.C. from nine to half past nine on Monday evening~~
Tomorrow evening ^{at} Smith will broadcast from Boston, ~~between~~ ^{at} nine, ~~and~~ *at* ~~nine thirty.~~

President Roosevelt let it be known today that he will ~~xxx~~ spring an important bit of news in his Boston speech tonight. That

news will be that he has arranged to make the help we are giving to the British still stronger -- more fighting planes for the defense of Britain against Goering's raiders. Of course the details are not yet revealed but it is believed that the method Mr. Roosevelt will use will be to allow American airplane factories to deliver British planes before Uncle Sam gets them.

After his speech in Boston, The president will wind up his campaign with other major addresses in Brooklyn and Cleveland. He will finish Monday night with a talk from his home at Hyde Park.

LEWIS FOLLOW POLITICS

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John L. Lewis today made an answer to something that Senator Wagner of New York had inferred in a radio speech last night. Wagner had hinted that Lewis had switched from Roosevelt to Willkie because he hoped to become Secretary of Labor if Willkie is elected. Lewis said that even if he were offered the post of Secretary of Labor in Willkie's Cabinet he would decline it. And he added that in the past he had been offered the portfolio and had turned it down.

EARTHQUAKES

Earthquakes, next month. Not severe ones. This prophecy comes from Astronomer and Earthquake Expert Raffaele Bendandi, who declares that spots on the sun have reappeared which will cause us to quake and shake -- especially in the Andes, in the Dutch East Indies, Switzerland, and parts of North America, too.

Father Lynch, earthquake expert of Fordham University, argues that no one can predict an earthquake. However, followers of Raffaele Bendandi say his predictions have been remarkably accurate.

HOCKEY

There was a game of hockey at Norton, Massachusetts, an historic game, for it was the first time in three hundred and four years that a team from Harvard played against a team of girls. The Harvard men were playing Wheaton College at Norton. On the Harvard line-up were such delicate fellows as Iron Mike Brody, six foot three, a former steel mill roller. Also Francis Powers, the captain of the swimming team, and others of similar build. And the result? That's a delicate point but news is news, and it must be reported that the girls won, ^{The score?} ~~was~~ one to nothing.

And today two of those Harvard huskies needed medical attention, ^{Yes, there were casualties in} ~~they're on the wounded list after~~ that game, ~~against a~~ ^{team of girls} versus the lads of Fair Harvard.

BASEBALL

There was a story in Boston today that Crooner Bing Crosby was trying to become a Big League Baseball owner.

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The story appeared in the sports column of Bill Cunningham of the BOSTON POST. As Bill tells it, Bing wants the Bees! He says Bing and Elmer Ward of Boston had arranged to buy the Boston Bees from C. F. Adams, the chain-store magnate who now controls the Club. But, added Bill Cunningham, the deal is no soap: that Commissioner Landis put the quietus on it all because Bing owns race horses. That the Czar said Bing could have the Bees only if he gave up the bangtails.

At the office of Judge Landis in Chicago we are told that no such deal was ever mentioned to Commissioner Landis, that it was all just a publicity stunt for Bing Crosby. Then Judge Kenesaw-Mountain Landis added that it is x thoroughly-understood in the baseball world that nobody who has any connection with horse-racing may own a Major League club. Racing says the Commissioner's office, depends upon gambling for its existence; while baseball does not.

GARBO

At the Federal Building in Los Angeles, appeared a tall young woman in a tailored sports costume of blue and tan. Over her eyes were a pair of dark glasses. She went to the clerk's office and asked for a form to file an application making a declaration of intention to become a citizen. Nobody recognized her at first. When answering the questions she announced that she was thirty-five years old, five feet seven inches tall, weighed a hundred and twenty-seven pounds. Then she said she was born in Stockholm and first came to the United States in Nineteen Thirty-Three. Even then the clerk of the Federal Court of Los Angeles didn't realize that he was dealing with a celebrity. He didn't know who she was until she signed her name to that application -- Greta Garbo. Immediately she had signed it, she left the building before the astonished clerk had time or opportunity to make a fuss over her.

And when she becomes a citizen and when she utters her famous sentence "I tank aye go home," well, she want have so far to go.

ENDLESS CAVERNS

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This afternoon I held a conversation with some gentlemen who phoned me from far underground. They are a party of explorers. This morning, headed by Editor Seward Cramer of the Explorers Club of New York and H. T. Cowling of the Explorers Club of Washington the party entered the Endless Caverns at New Market, Virginia. Their object, to find the end of Endless Caverns.

When Cowling and Cramer phoned me they said that the other members of the party, Geologist Vhay, of the U.S. Geological Survey,, Lieutenant Wallace Barlow, Leland Reid, Richard Marsh, and Gordon Brown were some distance from them, still hunting for the end of the famous caverns that so long have been called Endless. They reported ~~have~~ having discovered some new rooms. And, several fat members of the party got stuck in some of the holes they attempted to explore.

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They are stringing a telephone wire behind them. And, it was over this line that they phoned me, just before I came

to the studio.

The Explorers Club party ~~say~~ that by tomorrow or the next day they hoped to find the end of Endless Caverns.

Question: And if they do find the end what are they going to do about that name, when they come to the end of the Endless Caverns? And what will they find at the end? More stalactites and stalagmites I suppose. Wouldn't they be surprised if they found a Blue Sunoco filling station?

Which reminds me, this broadcast is not endless.

And, when we ^{come to} ~~approach~~ the end instead of stalactites and stalagmites what do ^{we} ~~you~~ find? Why, Hugh James of course.

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