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HITLER

If you were in Berlin today and read the newspapers earnestly, you would have ^{gained} ~~acquired~~ the impression that the most important current event is a birthday, the sixtieth anniversary of Josef Stalin, the Red Dictator. ^{Today's} ~~The~~ biggest piece of news in the eyes of the Nazi editors was the message that Chancellor Adolf Hitler sent to his new colleague and pal. Here's the telegram that the Fuehrer sent to his Tovarish. It reads:- "On your Sixtieth Birthday I beg you to accept my most sincere congratulations, my best wishes for your personal welfare as well as a happy future for the peoples of our friend, the Soviet Union."

After hearing that, it is interesting to turn to page nine hundred and fifty-nine of the American translation of Hitler's book, MEIN KAMPF, the page on which he wrote:- "We must never forget that the rulers of present-day Russia are common, bloodstained criminals, the scum of humanity, people of savage bloodthirstyness, a rare mixture of bestial horror with an inconceivable gift of lying."

~~And~~ ~~it's to one of those that the Fuehrer today sent that~~ ~~glowing telegram which was echoed and applauded by every Nazi editor~~ ~~he sent a different kind of message~~ ~~in the Reich today.~~ ~~In Moscow the birthday greetings were over powering.~~

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That what Hitler wrote once. But
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WAR

Anyway ~~After~~ the Red Army
didn't give Stalin Finland for a birthday present.

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The latest from the Finnish war front is that the most
determined attack ~~of the Reds~~ that the Reds have yet made on the
Karelian Isthmus is failing. The Finnish army claims to have
inflicted heavy casualties on the Bolshevik invaders in the south,
also in mid-Finland. One dispatch has it that an entire Russian
battalion was cut off and completely destroyed. An official
communication reports a battle which lasted all day, in the
vicinity of ~~a couple of these~~ ^{some of the} Finnish lakes. In official
language, "the enemy suffered heavy losses and made no advances."

ADD WAR

The ~~communications from~~ Helsinki ^{attached again} ~~also report another~~
~~raid~~ by Russian bombers, twelve of them. Apparently they didn't
achieve ~~very~~ much beyond scoring a direct hit on a nurses'
dormitory, destroying a hospital building and a children's
play-room. They also set fire to several buildings in the
hospital district. Altogether, the Bolshevik air force raided
four Finnish cities, returning three or four times. But beyond
their achievements in the hospital district at Helsinki, they
~~didn't~~ accomplish ^{ed little,} ~~much.~~

HELP TO FINLAND

The British and French governments are keeping ~~out~~
Washington
~~government~~ informed about the measures they're taking to help
Finland. ~~At least that was~~ *that's* the report from London, ~~tonight~~

This is believed to be in accordance with what the Allied Supreme
Council decided on Tuesday. *Which doesn't* ~~That does not~~ mean that there is any
official
~~officially~~ concerted action between the United States and the Allies.

As for what is being done over here, it was
announced today that (President Roosevelt has sent a couple of experts
from Uncle Sam's Public Health Service to Helsinki.) One senior
surgeon ~~now~~ stationed in Paris and another senior surgeon who ~~was~~
in Berlin, have been ordered to Finland at once to work in
cooperation with the American Red Cross. Both of those United States
public health officers are particularly expert in not only the
treatment but prevention of ~~diphtheria~~ typhus, always one of the worst
disease evils that accompany war.

(It is also reported in Washington that the Finnish
Government will soon make overtures for a loan from ~~United States~~
Uncle Sam. The Export-Import Bank has already lent Finland ten
million. But the Finns want fifty millions more to help finance the
purchase of war materials over here.)

LANGSDORFF

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The funeral of a hero was given ^{today to the} ~~to the remains of the~~
~~suicide~~ captain of the GRAF SPEE. All Buenos Aires turned out
to do honor to ~~the dead body of~~ Captain Hans Langsdorf. The
streets were lined with spectators and the funeral cortege
proceeded to the cemetery with full military honors.

Behind the hearse one automobile was driven carrying
nothing but the dead commander's ceremonial sword and his
decorations.

Any criticisms of Captain Langsdorff were not shared
by naval men, and particularly not by any of the enemy officers
who had fought him. They all joined in tributes as did the
President of the Argentine Republic, and the Naval Minister. A
particularly warm expression of feeling for Langsdorff was uttered
by the eight British merchant captains who had been prisoners of
war aboard the GRAF SPEE, captains of the British ships that
Langsdorf had captured ^{and} ~~or~~ destroyed.

AFGHANISTAN

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The fear of Soviet Russia, aroused by the invasion of Finland, has been spreading throughout Asia. News comes today that mobilization has been ordered in Afghanistan. The Council of Ministers at Kabul has ordered that all the armed forces should be got in readiness. Strict military watchfulness has already begun along the frontier between Afghanistan and Soviet Russia.

And a cable from Rome reports that the Cabinet ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ Kabul is going to start conversations with the Governments of Iraq, Iran and Turkey, for mutual protection.

*Afghanistan — sounds interesting.
The old road to India.*

PRINCESSES

In London the approach of Christmas has provided embarrassment for the British authorities. Quite a number of fathers and mothers have been bringing their children back from the country to be with their parents for the holidays. The government is afraid that this might prove contagious, fill the metropolis up with young ones and frustrate the efforts for their safety. So, it placarded the city with large printed appeals:-
"Don't bring your children home for Christmas."

Then it became known that the young princesses, Elizabeth, the heir presumptive, and Margaret Rose, had been brought to London from Scotland to visit their parents, the King and Queen. And that's where the embarrassment has come in. It became necessary for a high official of the government to make a public explanation that the royal princesses have been separated from the King and Queen so long, and that in fact Queen Elizabeth had not seen her own daughters once since the war broke out.

ABAUCA

For some reason there is still a lot of excitement about the German freighter ARAUCA now in harbor at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. ~~You may recall that~~ On Tuesday she ran into Fort Lauderdale, escaping from a British cruiser. At present there is a detail of six Coast Guardmen aboard the ARAUCA, watching her. The reason for that is the libel action that was filed ^{against the ship} ~~attaching the ARAUCA~~ by an American sugar company, claiming damages because the ARAUCA failed to deliver sugar that had been entrusted to her before the outbreak of the war.

Outside Fort Lauderdale, beyond the three mile limit is a regular flotilla of ships believed to be men of war. An aviation official of Fort Lauderdale flew out some twenty-five miles over the Gulf Stream today and said he saw two ~~ships~~ which he thought were British cruisers, ^{and} two destroyers, and three submarines. That sounds like a ~~swell~~ lot of war ships on the lookout for one four thousand ton freighter, especially a freighter that can't leave harbor ~~anyway~~ until ^a ~~that~~ libel suit is disposed of.

LINDBERGH

The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics ~~does~~
no longer include ^S Colonel ~~Charles A.~~ Lindbergh. The White House
announced today that the Flying Colonel ^{has} resigned. That doesn't
mean that the Committee won't have the benefit of his advice if it
is asked for. The explanation is a purely personal one. Some time
ago, Lindbergh told the Chairman of the Committee that he would no
longer confine his attentions and energies to aeronautics. He
has other and wider interests now.

With the announcement of his resignation, it was recalled
that he has made ^{many} invaluable contributions to the work of the
Aeronautics Committee, (including all the technical information
about foreign aircraft that he gathered in England, France, Germany
and Soviet Russia.) It was largely thanks to Lindbergh's persuasions
that Congress authorized a Committee to set up an aeronautical
research laboratory on the west coast.

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Tax affairs have been worrying the New Deal high command in Washington wuite considerably. Some way or another, half a billion dollars has to be raised, half a billion extra revenue to pay the indreased bills we're running up for national defense. Hi therto, the tendency everywhere has been to raise the money by excise taxes and what are generally and not so inaccurately described as "nuisance taxws."

Today the Secretary of the Treasury was asked about this and his reply was, "Taxes on consumers are already plenty high." And he indicated that of all the funds consumers spend, sixty cents out of every dollar goes for local, county, state or federal taxes. Some of those taxes are paid in the first instance by the manufacturers. But eventually they're passed on the the man in the street and the little woman in the home.

N.L.R.B.

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One of the leading members of Congress expressed himself today about the National Labor Relations Board, ^a ~~and it was a~~ leading Democrat. ~~at that~~ The revelations that came out of the congressional investigation into the N.L.R.B. have provoked ~~Democratic~~ Representative Ramspeck of Georgia. He's ^{the} ranking member of the Labor Committee in the House, next to Mary Norton of New Jersey, who is Chairman. Ramspeck's conclusions from the investigation so far are that two members of the National Labor Relations Board should be dropped:- J. Warren Madden, Chairman, and Edwin S. Smith. "Not only the Wagner Act itself should be changed," said Ramspeck, "but the personnel of the Board; and ~~not~~ ^{he added,} ~~only~~ until that is done there can be no public confidence in the Board."

OHIO RELIEF

There was another exchange of compliments between the White House and officials in Ohio. It became known that President Roosevelt had stated that he would send army kitchens to feed needy people in Ohio in case local relief resources were inadequate for saving anybody from starvation. This was not made public at first from the White House, it was told by a union official, John Owens, President of the Ohio ~~State~~ C.I.O. and District President of the United Mine Workers. ^{Later} ~~However~~ the statement by Owens was confirmed by Secretary ~~Steve~~ Early at the White House.

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seems to have burned up the executives in Ohio.

First of all, Mayor Burton of Cleveland retorted that "no one is starving in Cleveland and we don't need any soup kitchens from the army or anybody else." (And he added that Cleveland was restored to ~~xxx~~ the normal relief situation, December Fifteenth, and furthermore the Cleveland Mayor sees no need for further discussion of it at this time.)

Then in jumped Governor Bricker of Ohio. ~~And he said~~ *he*,

"If soup kitchens are put in Cleveland or anywhere else in Ohio, it will be purely for New Deal political effect." ~~Then he added:~~

JAMES

Governor James of Pennsylvania let loose a blast at the Works Project Administration today. ~~(He made the charge that the W.P.A. had been guilty of gross failures in both its premises and its duties to the men and women of Pennsylvania.)~~ ~~He made the~~

~~statement.~~ ^{he said} To Colonel Harrington, Federal Administrator, that the Works Projects had not met the Pennsylvania quota since June.

Then he quoted the words recently uttered by President Roosevelt about the courageous treatment of the needy by the state government of Pennsylvania. ^{Added} ~~The~~ Governor James: ~~declared~~ "It now is as good a

time as any to learn whether fair play or politics rules W.P.A." ^{he concluded,} ~~And he added-~~ "If fair play is the watchword," let's have some

of it in Pennsylvania."

DEWEY

Dist. Atty. Tom
~~Prosecutor Tom~~

Dewey of New York ~~was~~ set afoot quite a sensation this afternoon. He announced the arrest of fifteen members of a labor union in Brooklyn, ~~New York. It is~~ a local ~~of the~~ *of the C. I. O.* United Machinists of the Needle Industries. The sensational aspect of this arrest comes in the accusation that Dewey's office makes in connection with it. For he charges that this union, Local One Hundred and Fifty of the United Machinists of the Needle Industries, has been maintaining a school for sabotage and even for the throwing of acid and bombs.

The specific charge against the fifteen arrested men, which includes a business agent and a delegate of the union, is that they entered into a conspiracy to commit violations during a strike that was called in Brooklyn a little more than a year ago. Dewey's office says that its investigation into the conduct of that

strike led to the information about ~~the~~ ^{the} so-called school for acid ~~and~~ *TP the classes,* ~~throwers, and bombers.~~ ^{*bomb*} The school, ^{*were*} says the prosecutor's office, ~~was~~

held in a basement. Members of the union were made to practice throwing bottles of water. They had to become expert at that before they were entrusted with any missiles containing hydrofluoric acid.

A person needs to be trained in throwing acid, it seems, in order to avoid being injured by the acid itself when it splashes back.

~~That union, says the New York District Attorney's Office, is an affiliate of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.~~

CAPONE

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is turning its eagle eye upon the fair City of Miami, Florida. This ~~was~~ announced by Attorney General Murphy, ^{who makes} ~~himself~~, who made it known that J. Edgar Hoover, the Number One G-man, is ^{there in person.} ~~on the spot~~. And there's a reason.

~~That reason is some information that has come to the Department of Justice.~~ It has been expected that Al Capone, now a free man, is liable to go to Miami ^{any} ~~in~~ time before the First of January. At present he's in a hospital at Baltimore, and one of the physicians said he was a sick man, couldn't leave for some time.

^{Dept. of Justice has} Nevertheless, the ~~F.B.I.~~ ^{has} been informed that several dangerous underworld characters have been trickling into Miami in expectation of the arrival of Capone. That's one reason for the attention given to Miami by the F.B.I. ~~Murphy also announced that some eight or nine cities have been selected as points of investigation by the G-men. Miami is one of them. The Department is looking into crime and corruption in Miami among other ~~similar~~ cities.~~

CHRISTMAS

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In two parts of North America, Christmas arrived four days ahead of time. Way up north at ~~Copper~~ Coppermine, in Northwest Territories, Santa Claus arrived by airplane.

Coppermine, ~~which~~ is in the Arctic Circle, ~~the nearest town being~~ ^{Big}

~~Junneau in Alaska, nine hundred miles away,~~ ^{is} on Coronation Gulf, ^{and}

^{is for} isolated more than six months every year. For those six months,

the only way the folks of Coppermine can communicate with the rest

of the world is by air or radio. And last week there ^{were} ~~xxx~~ such

severe storms and static throughout the Arctic, that even radio

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failed them, and ^{all Arctic} ~~of course~~ planes were grounded. But today fliers

from Edmonton reached Coppermine, bringing the first letters and

packages that had reached there in five months. ^{Xmas mail.}
^{Santa Clause in a high-powered plane.}

To another point ~~in~~ this continent, Santa Claus came

by boat. ~~That was~~ ⁱⁿ Port Neches, Texas, the heart of the Bayou

country, ~~of southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana.~~ ^{The Bayou} The Santa Claus

^{is a guy named} ~~of the Bayou country normally goes by the name of~~ Hub Smith. ^{Hub's}

~~His~~ pilot of the ~~Bayou~~ Steamboat, TEXAS GIRL NUMBER TWO. She

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arrived at Port Neches with a houseboat in tow, stopped at

ramshackle landings, here, there and everywhere throughout the

bayous. Both the TEXAS GIRL and the houseboat were piled high with toys, candy, fruit, and what-not. ^{Santa Claus in a Bayou boat.}
^{And - here comes Hush James blowing gifts.}

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