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BASEBALL

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Just for a change let's start with the World Series instead of the World War. Fans in Cincinnati are glum tonight. Today in the fatal second inning the Tigers romped home with five runs, blasting the mighty Red pitcher, Paul Derringer, out of ~~the~~ Crosley ~~ball~~ park, ^{putting} ~~and put~~ the game on ice.

Incidentally, this is the first World Series in five years, of which no part will be played in New York City.

In other words, the first in five years without the

New York Yankees.

And for a year the American League has won.

DIES.

Today's meeting of the Dies Committee at Newark brought out some revelations. They concern the German-American Bund's Camp Nordland at Andover, New Jersey. Six hundred of the two thousand people who frequent that camp are aliens, who are employed in factories turning out munitions vital to the American Defense Program. This exposure was made by Congressman Starnes of Alabama, sub-chairman of the Dies Committee. Starnes announced that those aliens had been traced by investigators of the Committee, and he added that the investigators ^{so far} haven't even scratched the surface. ~~yet~~

The Committee also went into that much publicized meeting at Camp Nordland on August eighteenth, the joint meeting of the Bund and the Ku Klux Klan. The New Jersey organizer of the Klan appeared as a witness and explained himself. He declared that he had promoted that joint meeting at Camp Nordland because he thought it would be a good idea to put on an Americanization Program in a place where there were no

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Americans. One congressman asked him whether he thought it wise to hold a meeting at the Bund camp. And the Klan organizer replied that he did then, but he added: "I don't now."

A clergyman, also an official of the New Jersey Klan, said he had gone to that joint meeting with the same purpose. Then he admitted in these words:- "I probably made an awful fool of myself, and you can put that in the record."

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A naturalized German, eastern leader of the Nazi Bund, also testified at ~~today's~~ today's meeting. He told the Committee the Bund has about ten thousand members in the United States. But he said it's their purpose to try to organize all the twenty million people in America of German extraction. He admitted that the Bund had once been opposed to Communism. ^{But he said that} ~~But~~ since the love feast between Hitler and Stalin, there's no more fighting between Communists and Bundists in America.

WAR

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In the battle of Britain, the reports from both sides in the last few days appear somewhat to confirm the British claims. I mean the claims that the British are getting stronger in the air every week, that their retaliation against the Nazis is becoming steadily more deadly and that British defenses ~~against~~ against Nazi raids grow more effective. At least that's how it looks comparing British claims with those of the Nazis and reading between the lines.

The latest from Berlin announces that the Nazis made strong air attacks on all parts of the British Isles, particularly airports near the Irish Sea. Also that they set fire to an oil depot at Weymouth and smashed harbor works in the east and south, and in the west of Britain. That is not a communique from the High Command, it is a claim made by propaganda Minister Goebbel's D. N. B. News Agency. It claims further that the airports near the Irish Sea were so accurately bombed that runways and hangars were destroyed and the fields made unusable.

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Now here's the British side of it. There were six daylight air raid alarms today, followed by an attack after nightfall. But the London anti-aircraft barrage threw up such a curtain of steel that the Nazi bombers were unable to get through, except for a few isolated planes here and there.

More spectacular still are the accounts of today's exploits by the Royal Air Force. A raiding British squadron paid a visit to Berlin, and as they left, the northwest suburbs of the Nazi capital were rocked by four terrific explosions. Thereupon a vast pall of black smoke covered that section of Berlin, ~~That's~~ the part of the city where much of Hitler's heavy machinery is manufactured.

The R. A. F. also attacked all along the line of the channel ports in France, Belgium and Holland, likewise many points in Germany. They paid a visit to the Cologne power station after which two huge fires were glowing in the darkness.

An official dispatch from France admits that the British bombing raids on the French channel ports have been

deadly. The Port of Le Havre is practically useless, the harbor blocked by sunken ships.

And, ~~here's something rather amazing.~~ All of

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Mussolini's much boasted air squadrons, plus his submarines and cruisers, have not succeeded in cutting off British trade in the Mediterranean. That's what the British Ministry of Shipping says tonight officially, and it brings corroborating facts to back up the statement. British trade with the Near East, particularly Egypt, Turkey, Cyprus and Greece, has been going on steadily. Ever since July, Britain has been importing war materials and other imports from Greece, Turkey, even Rumania, and the Balkan countries. This trade, says the British Ministry, has been increasing in the last few weeks.

CHAMBERLAIN

Chamberlain resigns: that's the latest from London. As a matter of fact, he hasn't ~~done it~~ yet; but, he's going to. The information comes from that ~~good~~ old standby of news sources described as "Usually well informed quarters."

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Chamberlain is to resign as a member of the Cabinet, as Lord President of the Council; and, as leader of the Conservative party. That will make Churchill the leader of the party. But the ex-Prime Minister is not resigning because of the attacks that have been made upon him. He has been in poor health, ^{He} underwent a severe operation several weeks ago, and has been weak ever since. ~~and~~ ^{gossip} is that Prime Minister ~~Winston~~ Churchill will accept his resignation with great reluctance as Chamberlain ^{has been taking} ~~took~~ from his shoulders a great burden of political and administrative work.

The rumor goes further than the resignation of Chamberlain. It is to be accompanied by a considerable shake-up in the British Cabinet. ^{And} Once again the old lion of Wales, Lloyd George, is to be invited to join the Churchill

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government. That's not so surprising, but it is unexpected to hear that Viscount Beaverbrook, Minister for aircraft production, may resign.

EGYPT.

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The Nazi generals have taken over the Italian military forces in the eastern Mediterranean. That's the word from London today. Just how the Italian people will take that is a matter for interesting speculation. Of course the general public in Italy won't know about it for some time, as it is perfectly possible for the Fascist authorities to keep such news bottled up. But when the Italian soldati find themselves commanded by German officers, ~~there'll be some~~ ^{folks at home} in Italy will hear of it before long. ~~making of it leaking home eventually.~~

~~Apparently~~
~~It has been evident that General Graziani's advance~~
along the North African coast across the desert ~~was~~ ^{been} ~~hardly~~
~~getting to first base.~~ ^{nowhere.} The excuse offered is that the

Fascisti are consolidating at Sidi Barrani, building up their fortifications and getting ready for a ~~hot~~ drive on Egypt. ^{at}
^{any rate}
~~But~~ for a couple of weeks the Italians have claimed no advances across the desert. ^{And}

^{now} ^{comes} the story that the Germans are going to take over, ^{is}
^{boss} the Italian campaign.
~~of entirely British origin.~~ The British admit they have no

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definite information that Nazi soldiers or German war materials have arrived in Africa. But, they say, the German masters have already taken actual charge of Italian operations in North Africa.

For some time we've been hearing about Mussolini trying to acquire bases in French Syria; get virtual control of that French mandate. This is still in the wind.

Meanwhile if Hitler's generals have taken over the eastern Mediterranean, we shall no doubt hear of spectacular fighting in the Near East before the winter is over. And if it is true that Hitler's invasion of Britain has been postponed, he will have plenty of army corps and plenty of planes to throw against the British defenses in Egypt, these to be transported to the Near Eastern theatre of war by way of the Italian peninsula and Libya.

POPOLO.

Dire things for Uncle Sam in the Pacific were prophesied today. The prophet ~~was Duce~~ Mussolini's own newspaper, ~~the~~ Popolo D'Italia of Milan. It sounded as though the Duce's editor might be speaking in behalf of Japan. For he harped on that Singapore agreement between Britain and the United States, the agreement by which our navy would use ^e ~~that~~ great British ^{Far Eastern} naval base. Mussolini's newspaper declared this agreement to be absolutely inadmissible. It also hinted that Japan would put her foot down on the recent understandings between Washington and New Zealand, which provide for United States bases in Samoa and the Cook Islands.

The Duce's editor went on to say that all our efforts to improve our strategic position in the Pacific have come too late. They have been neutralized, says the Italian, by Japanese fortifications in Formosa and the six groups of Islands over which Japan holds a mandate. Mussolini's editor uses these words:- "Japanese aerial and naval superiority in

the Pacific is such that any United States aerial and naval action against Japan would be equivalent to suicide for the United States Navy."

There's one clear fact that can be gathered from that Italian editorial. The Fascists have taken the Japanese alliance to their hearts with ardor.

FRANCE

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The Nazi authorities in occupied France have started to go to work on the Jews. A decree was published at Paris today and announced over the Paris radio station. It orders all Jews, both French and foreigners, in the German occupied zones, to register. Furthermore, it is announced that no Jews will be permitted to function in the liberal professions especially ^{do} newspapers, ^{work,} in occupied France. All Jewish merchants must have signs in front of their stores ~~xxxxix~~ proclaiming in both French and German the words, "I am a Jew."

What is more, Jews who fled from the occupied regions of France when the Nazis advanced, are forbidden to reenter.

TP The Petain government is preparing to establish concentration camps for foreign Jews who cannot return to their native countries. ^{and} It is expected that the ~~Petaim~~ government at Vichy will soon ^{announce} ~~have some~~ restrictive regulations ~~of its own~~ concerning Jews, ~~to be announced.~~

PADERWISKI.

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A weird story comes from Spain that the great pianist, Paderewski, has been arrested. It is decidedly weird as nobody can imagine what sound reason the Spanish police would have for taking him into custody. He was on his way to the United States. He was ~~xxxx~~ arrested in Saragossa, in spite of his diplomatic visa, which of course he carries as a former Prime Minister of Poland. The news comes from the Polish Embassy at Washington, which heard it in a message from Madrid. ^{And that} He has been under supervision of the Spanish police for five days now.

PAINTING.

When the Nazis invaded Belgium, one of the world's most famous paintings disappeared. But not because it was stolen by the Nazis. The vicissitudes of that canvas in the last four months read like an adventure story.

It was the famous painting by Van Dyck of "Christ on the cross", one of the greatest of all time. For three centuries it has hung in the Cathedral at Termonde. When the Nazis were at the door on May sixteenth, the Burgomaster of Termonde packed up that painting and a lot of other art works and threw them into a large truck. Then, with twenty-three members of his family, he fled before the advancing Nazi hordes.

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It had been his intention to leave the Van Dyck and the other works of art in the Cathedral at Ghent. But when the refugees came to Ghent, they didn't even hesitate. In fact they didn't stop until they reached the south of France. On the way they encountered dismal weather, and for a wind-break and impromptu roof, they used the Van Dyck painting

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of "Christ on the cross."

When the Nazi conquest was complete and things began to settle down, a commission went out in search of the Van Dyck. They found it in a refugee camp, still being used as a roof. The news is that it's back in the

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Cathedral at ~~Le~~ ^{Tre} Tremonde, a somewhat damaged masterpiece, as

four months of rain, wind and sun have not improved that world-

famous Van Dyck

^ canvas. Those refugees surely had a ~~most~~ priceless roof over

their heads.

CORN

Here's a bit of news from Miami, Florida. Dr. Harry H. Young of Miami left by airplane for Nassau by royal command. He has gone to Nassau to remove a not so royal corn from the royal foot of the Duke of Windsor, Governor General of the Bahamas, former King of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland and Emperor of India. Who has corns even as you and I. But if you use a car and Nu Blue corns don't matter so much do they Hugh?