

PEARL HARBOR

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Here's a headline in the Pearl Harbor inquiry - a statement that the cracking of the Jap secret code may not have been a secret to the Japs. Hitherto, the experts of the Army, the Navy and State Department who have testified, have been unanimous in saying that the Japs didn't know that their cipher had been broken. Today, however, Admiral ~~W.A.~~ Wilkinson, former Chief of Naval Intelligence, declared he had some reason to believe, the Japs knew we were intercepting and deciphering their secret diplomatic ^{messages.} ~~missions.~~ He stated that, at a time after the code had been broken, the Tokyo Government informed its agents to be "more careful" in the use of ciphered messages.

If the Japs were suspicious about it, what made them so? Today Admiral Wilkinson stated: "I think the Germans had informed the Japs that there were indications that we were breaking their code." And the Admiral went on to ^{say} ~~indicate~~ that the tip to the Japs was given to their Ambassador at Berlin, by Nazi

Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop, who is now on trial as a war criminal.

And here's another Pearl Harbor headline - evidence that the Japs got ^{vital} information about American warships from an American radio broadcast. The broadcast in question is not identified, but we are told it was made the day before the attack, and it ^{gave} ~~was~~ the Japs all they needed to know about the ships at Pearl Harbor. It gave the number of battleships in port, the cruisers, the destroyers, those coming in and those lying at anchor. And this American broadcast was picked up in Tokyo - at a time when the enemy task force was steaming across the Pacific for the Pearl Harbor assault. Presumably, the Jap task force, with its carriers and its planes, was given the benefit of the radio information.

These facts are based on a report from General MacArthur, facts learned from the questioning of high Japanese officers. They told how they had

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gained information about the fleet at Pearl Harbor
by the simple process of listening to the American radio.

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JAPAN

The Tokyo Parliament was dissolved today --
to make way for a new democratic house of representatives
that is to be elected. Hirohito issued an imperial
rescript bringing the present parliament to an end, -
all in accordance with General MacArthur's order for
~~xxxxxx~~ a new kind of government in Japan, democratic.

WAR TRIAL

Another example of scrupulous American legality in a trial of war criminals was given in Japan today - when an American Colonel was removed from a military commission sitting in judgment. Why ~~was he~~ removed? Because Colonel John H. Ball of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, himself had been a prisoner of the Japs.

The first defendant brought forward was a former prison guard, accused of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ torturing and murdering an American captive of war. The counsel for this Jap, ^{an American} Lieutenant Colonel, challenged the presence of Colonel Ball as one of the judges. Whereupon the Colonel was asked+- would the fact that he had been a prisoner of the Japs prejudice him against a war criminal charged with atrocities inflicted on American prisoners? Colonel Ball admitted- yes, under certain circumstances, he might be prejudiced. Whereupon he was removed.

BONINS

It seems a little late to be hearing about a new landing of marines - and the surrender ^{of} a Jap garrison. But the islands in the Pacific, held by the Japs, were many - myriad - and it takes a long time to get around to them all. And so we hear today that the Bonin islands ^{— near Iwo Jima —} have been occupied, with a battalion ~~ix~~ of marines landing on Chichi Jima.

The Bonins are off to the south of Japan, and were often bombed during the war, but never invaded. Today a crestfallen Japanese commander went through the usual ritual of surrender, and the American flag flew over the Bonin ~~Islands~~ ^s - "for the first time in a hundred and seventeen years," says the news dispatch.

That recalls one of those little incidents of history. The Stars and Stripes flew over the Bonins once before - back in Eighteen Twenty-eight. At that time natives of Chichi Jima borrowed an American flag from a United States warship that happened to be out there. And they ~~natives~~ hoisted the Star Spangled Banner - as a protection against pirates. There was a lot of

buccaneering in those days, and the people figured that
the free-booters of the sea would ^{be} ~~keep clear, would be~~
intimidated by the American flag - which might lead them
to believe that jack tars of the United States Navy were
in the vicinity.

INDONESIA

News of the revolt in Indonesia tells of an outrage -- a thing to make the British lion roar with anguish and indignation. It isn't the mere fact that fighting still continues between British troops and Indonesian rebels in Java. That has been going on every day - the latest telling of a British armored column fighting a hard battle in breaking through a force of stubborn insurgents.

The news that's appalling, virtually incredible, comes from Australia - where two hundred Indonesian sailors are staging a strike at Sidney. Supporting the independence movement in their own country, they stormed into the office of a Dutch Steamship Company.

In the office, Australian employees were just sitting down to afternoon tea - that sacred British ritual. In came the Indonesians ^{the sailors} ~~sailors~~ ~~and~~ ~~they~~ assailed ⁱⁿ the office workers - drove ~~them~~ out.

Then, with all the cheek in the world, they sat down to the afternoon tea ~~was~~ prepared for the Australians. They had the tea and ~~crumpets~~ ^{crumpets.} ~~crumpets.~~ ^{Indonesians,} Insolent, don't you think? But that was less than the half of it. After having tea, they smashed the teacups. Yes, dash it, they dashed the teacups to the ground, shattered them to bits. And that's what makes the British lion roar with anguish and indignation.

MEXICO

The State Department is going to investigate ~~the~~ charges that American business firms have been sending weapons to ~~American~~ political factions in Mexico.

This was announced in Washington today, and follows some slight diplomatic excitement ^{below the Rio Grande} ~~in Mexico.~~

The charges were made by Mexican Labor Leader Toledano, who stated that what he called "certain Yankee imperialist countries" were sending arms and ammunition across the Rio Grande ~~border~~ to a political group in Mexico, called the Sinarquist ^{is}. That's a pro-Catholic movement opposed to the present government.

The accusation came to the attention of American Ambassador Messersmith, who is said to have been angered by ^{it.} ~~the statement made by the labor leader.~~ One report ^{has it that} ~~is~~ the Ambassador has made a formal protest to the Mexican Government. In any case, he made a report to the State Department, which regards the matter serious enough for an investigation.

CONFERENCE

The word from Moscow is that, not only has Stalin returned to the Soviet capital, but he is ^{to} having a meeting with American Secretary of State Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Bevin. They, of course, are in Moscow conferring with Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov in the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Three. And now - a visit with Stalin.

This follows rumors that the Soviet Generalissimo has been ill - rumors weaving around his prolonged absence from Moscow, on vacation.

UNITED NATIONS

The House of Representatives has passed the bill for American participation in the United Nations Organization. The bill will now have to be harmonized with a similar measure passed by the Senate. *Of course this was all a foregone conclusion.*

In London, meanwhile, the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations named January Tenth as the date for the first meeting of the *Assembly of the* U.N.O. Also - the Preparatory Commission took its first action in connection with the atomic bomb, *with an* ~~the~~ Atomic Commission of the United Nations *to* ~~will~~ meet soon, in London.

LOAN

In London, the House of Lords has okayed the four billion, four hundred million dollar American loan to Great Britain. The American position in the matter is under a good deal of attack in England, ~~and~~ ^{but} today was defended in the House of peers by Lord Keynes, the British economist who helped ~~to~~ negotiate the loan.

He ~~defended~~ ^{vindicated} the American view, ~~defending it in~~ ^{and did the vindication with} an outpouring of typical parliamentary prose. He said with stately elocution, and in one breath: "I feel sure that a serious injustice is being done to the liberal purpose and intense good will toward this country of the American people as represented by their administration and by their ardent desire to see this country a strong and effective party in getting the world into ways of peace and economic order."

HAW_HAW

In London, Lord Haw Haw has lost his last hope - his appeal to the House of Lords. A panel, it appears, turned down his argument that, because he was of American birth, born in Brooklyn - he did not commit treason toward Britain by broadcasting for the Nazis. The sentence of death against him, however, will not be executed for several weeks - Lord Haw Haw being given the benefit of an ancient English law which provides that the condemned shall have three full Sundays before execution.

Britain's other notorious radio traitor, Nazi Propagandist John Amery, is to meet his doom tomorrow - hanging. The son of ^{the} a former British Cabinet member, Secretary for India and Burma, was told today that the London Home Secretary ^{had} refused to grant him a reprieve.

STORM

The violence of the storm in the North Atlantic is amply indicated by the fact that the rage of the sea has defeated two celebrated American warships.

One - the aircraft carrier WASP. That veteran ~~fighter~~ flat-top ~~went~~^{that} went through storms of battle, the invasion of the Philippines, the Marianas, Okinawa - ~~was~~^{— even} hit by bombs and ~~fought off the peril of the~~ kamikazis. During the past few days the WASP has been on her way to Britain to bring back thousands of G.I.'s, homeward bound. She was caught in the North Atlantic gale, and the battering of the waves loosened her plates. The ship was leaking - though not dangerously. Nothing serious - but the WASP will have to go into drydock at Plymouth for repairs.

The other warship is the AUGUSTA, the cruiser that has been the favorite of presidents. It was aboard the AUGUSTA that President Roosevelt met British Prime Minister Winston Churchill to draw up the Atlantic Charter, and the AUGUSTA carried President Truman to Europe for the Potsdam Conference of the Big Three last

year. ~~The cruiser~~ ^{Also she} saw plenty of fighting in the invasions of North Africa, Normandy and southern France - ~~and now~~ ^{now} ~~homeward bound - a troopship~~ ~~has aboard a crowd of homecoming G.I.'s.~~ The AUGUSTA, ~~as an emergency troopship, left France, to cross the ocean -~~ and was caught in the storm. She has had to turn back - unable to buck the tempest. As in the case of the WASP, her plates were loosened by the battering of the sea - and the AUGUSTA is scheduled to go into drydock at Southampton for repairs.

And then there is an American hospital ship riding out the gale off the Channel coast - one of twenty ships that are weathering the storm off the port of Deal. Accounts from Britain paint graphic pictures of huge walls of water pounding the shore as a seventy mile an hour tempest lashes the southern coast of England.

SOCCER

Another of those delightful episodes of international harmony and friendship seems to be turning sour. This comes under the heading of sports, which is supposed to do so much to promote amity and good feeling between nations. ~~Nothing is more common than to see a team of players from one country playing on the field of another country and fighting games with a ball that is not a ball and~~

Sportsmanship!

The British are a sporting people, as we all know, and this was demonstrated shiningly in the recent international football matches, soccer games, between the British and the Russians. The Soviets, ~~who are~~ going in for sports in a big way, sent a crack team to Britain, a team called - the Dynamos. They were dynamic all right. To the astounded amazement of the British, the Soviet football kickers ^{won.} ~~won the match by a score of 3-0.~~

It was an amateur affair, professionals excluded. ^{And} The best the British amateurs could do was to get a tie in one game - ~~which is a record.~~

The British took it in good part - sporting. They said that, after all, the game's the thing - good fun, not just winning. And, moreover, the British-Russian football matches had cemented that dear old friendship between the British people and the Soviets.

So what do we hear today? In British football circles consternation is expressed. They have just ~~received~~ received the news - that each member of the Soviet amateur team has been given ten thousand rubles, the equivalent of a thousand pounds, four thousand dollars. A soccer team consists of eleven men, so that brings the team award to forty-four thousand dollars. Moreover, the captain of the Dynamo Amateurs gets forty-eight ^{hundred} ~~thousand~~ dollars, and the team trainer is awarded six thousand ~~dollars~~. Now if that's amateur, what would you call professional? Which is what the British are asking tonight.

The Secretary of the Scottish Football Association says in his dour Scottish way, ~~that~~ with a burr, "I asked the Dynamos when they were in Glasgow if they were amateurs - and they assured me they were."

The manager of the English Arsenal Team, which took a four-to-three defeat, declares that the Soviet players told him there was no professional football in Soviet Russia.

The manager of the Chelsea Team, which achieved a tie against the Russians, gives the ~~amphaxixxxx~~ mathematical aspect. He compares the amount the Soviet amateurs get for their several games in Britain ~~and~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ with the annual earnings of British professionals. ^{he} Says: "For their little effort they get two and a half times as much as our professionals do in one season."

Well, the fact is that the Soviets, in their new program for sports, are following ^{the capitalistic} system of paying higher rewards to ^{those that win} ~~winning athletes~~. That's their idea of an amateur - heavy cash for winners. They sneer at British and American amateurism as - bourgeois . All of which comes as a shock to ^{the} British footballers, who took their defeat with such good spirit, that sporting sort of thing - only to find that their

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1/2 amateurs were beaten by what they now consider professionals. Thereby adding some more cement, if not brickbats, to international friendship.

And now a few friendly words from H -