

Allied war power on the Western Front was sure rolling today - in high! The American Ninth Army stormed forward north of Aix-la-Chapelle to the River Roer, ~~(Ruhr)~~ - not to be confused with the River Ruhr. Along the Roer the Germans have built a strong defense line, one of the main obstacles the Allies have to overrun before they reach the main Nazi line, at the Rhine.

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North of the Yanks the British Second captured three more Dutch forts, and then drove ahead <sup>for 4 more</sup> ~~four~~ miles ~~farther~~. They are now less than two and a half miles away from Venlo which the Nazis have built up into one of the strong outposts of their Siegfried Line.

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Our First Army shock troops charged into Eschweiler, a factory city of some fifty thousand people, and the German garrison refused to give battle. They simply withdrew and General Hodges now has command of nine miles of the great auto highway leading from Aix-la-Chapelle to Cologne.

Further south Patton's men wiped out the last resistance of the garrison at Metz. East of Metz, Patton's Ninetieth Division advanced ten miles and crossed the Saar border only ten miles west of Saarbruchen, chief city of the Saar. Patton's Tenth Armored Division, already inside that frontier, bore the brunt of a heavy German counter-attack, which they ~~repulsed~~ repulsed with heavy losses to the Boche.

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The American Seventh Army is also driving into the Saar from the northern end of the Vosges Mountains with one of its columns pouring through the Saverne Gap, in those mountains, and capturing three towns. Another column now is less than twenty-five miles from the ~~big~~ big city of Straasbourg.

In the southern Vosges the French First Army, having pierced the Belfort Gap, captured Mulhouse, an important city of southern Alsace.

General Tassigny's fighters stormed Mulhouse so swiftly that some members of the staff of the Field Marshal commanding the German Nineteenth Army, were unable to escape and were captured.

Last Monday we heard that Tassigny had taken Colmar, twenty-two miles north of Mulhouse. That was optimistic and premature, but now the French are at the gates of that <sup>Alsation</sup> fortress town. The German counter-attacks have been strong in that area. Swiss correspondents reported that the Nazis had recaptured several Alsatian villages which the French had taken earlier in the week.

All in all, we are told, the recent Allied victories are so many and so wide-spread, that there is an ~~electric~~ electric air of confidence at Supreme Allied Headquarters.

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Later this evening, Eisenhower's headquarters told us that the capture of Mulhouse means that the fifty-thousand front line German troops have been trapped. ~~That's one-tenth~~ <sup>And</sup> That's one-tenth of the Nazi strength on the Western Front.

## TANK BATTLE

One key engagement in the bitter ~~the~~ battles of the German Rhineland has been a monster clash of tanks that occurred northeast of Aachen, with the armor of Lieutenant General Simpson in desperate conflict with a powerful force of Panzers. One hundred enemy tanks were in the fray, including forty-two of those new seventy-ton Nazi giants called -- "King Tigers."

The tank battle lasted for four days, with the armored forces swaying back and forth on a level plain. The Germans attacked again and again; ~~and~~ <sup>with</sup> the Americans launched their own ~~roaring~~ roaring thrusts of armor and cannon fire.

Today <sup>Gen.</sup> Simpson's tanks dominate ~~the~~ <sup>that</sup> battlefield - they <sup>have</sup> won ~~out. even~~ <sup>xx</sup> (Huge German Panzer forces, including all those "King Tigers," were badly beaten up and hurled back.) ~~Their losses in the four-day engagement were heavy -- and so were ours. Today's news from the sector of Aachen states that Simpson had as many tanks ~~out~~ as the Germans did, but they won their position -- ~~and~~ the Americans, with their far greater~~

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reserve of equipment, will be able to replace  
their losses, <sup>which</sup> ~~and~~ the Germans will <sup>not be able to do,</sup> ~~their own~~  
~~So from every view the monster/ of tanks represents~~  
~~a clearcut, though hard-won American success.~~

GERMAN MORALE

New word comes of disturbances inside of Germany --- ~~with~~ the latest being a story via Switzerland. It tells that in the battered city of Cologne, the Nazis machinegunned a peace demonstration. Crowds were out protesting against the futile continuation of a hopeless war. And some of the people even shouted "Long live the Allies". So says the story, and it adds that Nazi machine gunners opened fire on the crowd and more than two hundred and twenty persons were killed. <sup>TR</sup> This may be an exaggeration of horror in Cologne, but it tallies with stories told by German prisoners of war, enemy soldiers captured by the American First Army in front of Cologne, confirming the stories of disorder within the city. They tell of the Gestapo hanging civilians for crying out against the war; This is linked with earlier dispatches which told of twenty-one persons hanged in a single day. <sup>TR</sup> A newspaper in Switzerland declares that these demonstrations have occurred in other towns of the German Rhineland. Secret underground agents posting placards

calling upon the people to take action against the Nazis. The Swiss story describes the feeling of the people of the heavily bombed cities in the following words: yearning for peace, cost what it may".

And war front news says that the ~~general mood~~ of hopelessness has spread to the German Army; *also* dissatisfaction because of insufficient weapons, food and clothing. More and more Germans are deserting, and the Nazi Commanders, to discourage this, have resorted to fantastic falsehoods, telling that the Americans cut off the arms and legs of every German they capture.

All these insistent accounts of cracking morale in Germany are to be balanced against the iron repression exercised by the Nazis and the Gestapo -- the two factors to be considered as pro-and con in trying to figure the possibilities of a crack-up in Nazi Germany.



## ITALY

Last Saturday Polish troops of the Allied forces in Italy captured Monte Fortino, a strong hillpoint overlooking the road to Fienza. <sup>But</sup> They did not hold it long, ~~because~~ The Germans counter-attacked and drove them out. Today the Poles ~~went to it once more, and this time~~ recaptured Monte Fortino; <sup>and then</sup> ~~for keeps and~~ drove ahead, against strong resistance, to seize another hill only four miles to the south of Fienza. The British troops of the Eighth Army are also coming close to that city, which is the most important highway junction on the road from Rimini to Bologna.

## RUSSIA

On the Eastern Front the winter attack of the Soviet armies is on in full force - in the Baltic states. We hear ~~now~~ now that in Western Latvia thirty German ~~divisions~~ divisions are trapped - with four Soviet armies threatening them. The Russian High Command has thrown huge reserves of tanks into the battle of Latvia. The Nazis are trying to withdraw from the island of Saaremaa across the mouth of the Gulf of Riga. But the Red forces have them surrounded in a pocket four miles deep, bombarding them from land, sea and air.

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And German commentators in Berlin admit that the Nazis are about to lose Miskolc, the fifth largest city in Hungary, eighty miles northeast of Budapest.

## VOROSHILOV

Another great Soviet military figure slips into the background -- Voroshilov. Until a comparatively recent ~~time~~<sup>ly</sup> that ~~the~~<sup>e</sup> Marshal of the Red Army was in the forefront of Russian military affairs -- right beside Stalin. He was a headline commander in the first part of the Soviet-Nazi war, and as recently as the Teheran Conference, was in the spotlight. He was with Stalin at Teheran.

Now Moscow states that Marshal Voroshilov has been retired from the Soviet Defense Council -- which Council embodies the supreme Russian command. "Relieved of his duties," says Moscow -- with no further explanation of why Voroshilov has been dismissed from his defense council post.

If he now goes into permanent eclipse, he follows those other commanders whose names rang so loudly in those days when the Soviet army stemmed that first mighty rush of the Hitler legions. We all knew about Budenny, Timoshenko and Voroshilov. Then Budenny

and Timoshenko disappeared from positions of high command, and the Soviet developed new Generals -- those young Generals who played so big a part in the defeat of the Nazi. ~~and~~ Now Voroshilov goes, his place taken by one of those younger generals -- Bulganin, who has had a swift rise in Russian military councils since the beginning of the war.

## PHILIPPINES

In the Pacific Uncle Sam's heavy bombers have raided <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ Japanese naval base ~~at Brunei Bay~~ in northwestern Borneo for the third time in four days. In addition to hitting enemy installations, they blew up a Japanese light cruiser and damaged another warship. In other parts of the Pacific American war planes have ~~xx~~ sunk or damaged seven more Japanese vessels.

And, tonight General Arnold announced the destruction of the first two superfortresses ever shot down by Japanese interceptor planes. This was in the raids which the Twentieth Air Force made on Japan and occupied-China, yesterday. A third <sup>one</sup> of the giant flying forts is reported missing; and, there is reason to believe it may ~~xxxxx~~ have been lost. But to offset that the great bombers destroyed or damaged sixty-one Japanese planes besides wrecking the huge aircraft works at Omura and other places.

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This afternoon the Navy announced that planes of the Third Fleet in the raids on Manila last Saturday sank two Japanese merchant vessels besides hitting three others and setting twelve on fire.

Our Fighter planes and Motor Torpedo Boats have been harrassing the supply lines on which the Japenes are reinforcing their troops on Leyte. They have sunk or damaged no fewer than fifty-four barges, also eight coastal vessels.

*Report from Manila, Calif. and then tonight news on the telephone strikes.*

JAPAN

Another shake-up in the Japanese High Command. Field Marshal Hata, who has been the Mikado's Commander-in-Chief in China since Nineteen Forty-one, has been fired. That is, they've relieved him of his job, and have made him Inspector General of training. Twelve other key men in the Imperial Army have been ~~made~~ shifted around.

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Hugh, your report from Stan. of Calif. and then, tonight's news on the telephone strike.

## STRIKE

The telephone strike is in fair way to become nationwide. In Ohio, up to a late hour this evening it was a deadlock. The National War Labor Board took a hand in that ~~xx~~ walk-out and laid down a flat ruling that <sup>it will permit</sup> ~~they are making~~ no negotiations between the company and the union until the strikers return to work. To which the Ohio telephone operators promptly retorted, they would not go back to their jobs until the Army took over. At that, a member of the National Board declared the WLB would do everything in its power to make sure the union does not win.

The Ohio telephone workers countered that statement by appealing to the forty-one other unions in the country to call their people out in sympathy with the Ohio strike. Then the President of the National Federation announced that the grievances of the operators in Ohio are not local, but nationwide.

The next thing took place in four of the largest cities of the East, New York, Chicago, Detroit and Washington. There the telephone operators called



emergency meetings to consider whether they would join the Ohio operators. In Washington, operators even left their switchboards to ~~join~~ attend a meeting.

If the vote is favorable to strike, it will cripple if not virtually paralyze all telephone communications in the East.

Fresh bulletins are pouring in every fifteen minutes. This is becoming the biggest <sup>home front</sup> story since the Election. At any moment we may hear that operators on the Pacific Coast are considering a sympathy strike.

But, as anyone can see, the operators in just three places can tie-up the whole works, Chicago, Washington, and New York.

The first reports from the meeting of operators in Washington indicate that they will join up with their sisters in Ohio. But, ~~as~~ so far <sup>that</sup> ~~there~~ is unofficial, not positive.

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*And,* In Seattle, ~~there was~~ rioting by ~~the~~ striking taxi operators. Today there were only nine cabs available in the big city on Puget Sound, nine taxies for a population of half a million people.

This is not a strike of men against the company, but of men against the Union. The independent cab drivers charged the officials of the Union with showing favoritism to the operators of the big taxi chains.

*At one* ~~The police have to get to work to stop riots at~~  
*cab stands.* ~~At one of these~~ service men in uniform were forced to get out of a cab. They retaliated by calling the strikers draft-dodgers. <sup>TR</sup> At the midnight meeting last night the Secretary of the Union made a speech to the strikers, some of whom started slapping him, *and* ~~he~~ had to be rescued by force. Some of the strikers compelled the operators of chain taxies to put their passengers out on the street and give up the keys of their cars. All of this has been particularly tough

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are finding it difficult to  
on travelers who ~~could not~~ get from the railway  
stations to ~~their~~ hotels.

## BOMBER

At ten-thirty this morning a big flying fortress got into trouble over Mitchell, South Dakota. The entire crew bailed out and the great plane roared on, a Flying Dutchman ~~xxx~~ of the sky. Before they bailed out the airmen set the automatic pilot so as to carry the ship toward Chicago, and all day observation posts throughout the Middle West have been on the lookout crewless for that plane; and reports came in from various parts of the country.

Well, it crashed finally, in northwestern Minnesota, near Lake Superior. Evidently the failing motor and weather conditions had caused the pilotless craft to fly far off course, into the Minnesota wilderness.

## BISHOP

During the First World War a distinguished officer in the British Army was Lieutenant Colonel Walter Hubert Baddeley, of the once famous family of tennis players. He had achieved that rank after entering as a lowly Second Lieutenant. After the war the Colonel went to Oxford, to study for the Ministry. Then off he went to the South Pacific, as a missionary for the Church of England, and in time became a Bishop with probably the largest diocese in the world. Bishop of Melanesia, with parishes scattered over thousands of miles of the South Pacific.

When the Japs invaded the Solomons, the Rt. Reverend Bishop took to the bush. Hid with his people, his black parishoners, in the jungle. And there he stayed all through the Japanese occupation of those islands.

All this becomes news because today at Columbia University, Doctor Nicholas Murray Butler conferred the Doctor of Sacred Theology upon the Rt. Reverend Hubert Baddeley, Bishop of Melanesia.

## THANKSGIVING

Although there's a shortage of turkey on the home front, it's good news to hear that the boys overseas will have plenty. There will be turkey dinners for our fighting lads in six European countries, including Germany.

Many of our uniformed people in Europe will attend services in cathedrals that they themselves have helped free from the Pagan Nazis. They'll have a chance to attend High Mass at the magnificent old cathedral of Notre Dame, in Paris, at the beautiful Gothic Cathedral in Rheims, and at the cathedrals at Chartres, Metz, Rouen, and so on. And of course there will be special services also for Protestants and the Jews.

As for Thanksgiving dinner, ~~these~~ their menus will read: Roast turkey with gravy; sage dressing; fresh mashed potatoes; glazed sweet potatoes; peas, carrots; cranberry sauce, ~~is~~ pumpkin pie; hot rolls;

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butter; hard candy, apples and oranges.

And for those who have sons, sweethearts,  
husbands and brothers at the front, that sounds  
like good news.

## ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt today received an apology from Ministers of the Gospel. This follows the White House denial last night that the President in voting with a balky machine at Hyde Park, used cuss words and violated the Second Commandment. The President says he used only one four-letter word -- beginning with d and ending with n. Nothing more-- and that brings an apology to the President from the Glendale, California, Ministerial Association which, on the basis of newspaper stories, had rebuked F.D.R. for taking the name of the Lord in vain.



Paris  
~~ADD STRIKE~~

From Paris, ~~also comes~~ news of a strike, a strike of chorus girls. The young ladies are either going to quit or put on clothes -- and what would become of a Parisian review if the girls were dressed? Their complaint is that the theatres are too cold. Only the stars get ~~next~~ heat in their dressing rooms.

The managers are terrified. If the ladies of the ensemble were to cover up their epidermis, the icicles would be falling not only in the dressing rooms but also in the box office windows.

And now a few warm words  
A greeting from Hugh