

C.I. - Sunco Friday, April 19, 1940.

Tonight's

The war news from Norway comes from three sectors - south, central and north. In the south, the report is that the Nazi invaders today launched what appears to be a culminating drive against the defending army of Norway, and apparently a decisive battle is being fought - decisive for that area. It's a fight for the town of Elverum, which is north of Oslo and eastward towards Sweden. ~~That's the~~ furthest away from any possible Allied help - although there are rumors that British officers have joined the Norwegians. American newspaper correspondents on the scene say that the Nazis are likely to win the battle. They don't think the Norwegians can resist effectively, with poor equipment against a German mechanized attack. From Berlin comes the statement that the key town of Elverum will be captured at any moment.

In central Norway the theatre of action continues to be in the vicinity of the important port of Trondheim, and in that area it's a clash between the Germans and British. The Allies have landed to the ~~west~~ north of Trondheim, and German forces from the port are pushing against them. ~~A report~~ ^{Word} from

Sweden says that British detachments have driven back parties of attacking Nazis - "in brisk fighting."

North means Narvik, and there the Germans are still hanging on. In fact reports tell that they've succeeded in driving the British back in some places and seizing important positions. Moreover, the Nazis at Narvik are said to be getting reinforcements and supplies. These ~~are~~ coming by the sky route. We are told how big German transport bombers came roaring down ^{to} the Narvik airfield today, bringing detachments of soldiers and supplies of food and ammunition. Apparently, the German command has decided to make a strong bitter-end stand at Narvik ^{--- way up there} - [^] two hundred miles above the Arctic Circle; and some four hundred miles from the nearest German units to the south. The Nazis at Narvik are utterly isolated - that is, except for the air. The story of their being reinforced and provisioned by plane is another vivid example of how aviation is altering the older strategies of war.

There's one Scandinavian report that the Germans are

landing troops in Norway in a steady stream. The figure given is -
two thousand men a day. That's a fairly steady ^{flow of} ~~stream of~~
^{to be} reinforcements transported by air, though of course the planes
can't carry ponderous tanks and heavy cannon.

In London, Winston Churchill makes the statement that
the Allies will wage a summer campaign to drive the Germans out
of Norway. He said this in a talk to sixty survivors of the crew
of the British destroyer HARDY, which was destroyed at Narvik,
the crew succeeding in getting ashore. Chamberlain described the
^{coming} ~~Allies~~ summer campaign in these words:- "We and our French Allies
will use this summer to purge and cleanse the Viking soil of
Norway from the filthy pollution of Nazi tryanny."

On the other hand, British opinion is being expressed -
that the Germans have got ^{a firm grip on} southern and central Norway, and maybe
they can't be dislodged. ^{all of which} ~~this belief~~ is causing dissatisfaction
and criticism ^{in Britain.}

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REYNAUD

In Paris, Premier Reynaud got a vote of confidence today. It was mighty different from that former vote of confidence right after he took office. Then he received a bare majority of one vote, such shaky confidence that there was doubt whether he would attempt to stay in office. Compare that with the vote today - unanimous, five hundred and four to nothing. And only sixteen deputies abstained from voting.

This startling transformation of Reynaud's prestige in the Chamber is attributed to events in Norway. The swift, prompt way the Allies have been striking at Nazi Germany has won approval for Reynaud's ~~often~~ stated policy of war-to-the-limit.

NEUTRALS

One dominant feature of the day's news is the action that three prominent neutrals are taking to protect themselves against what is being called - the fifth column. ^{n. P} This of course harks back to the early days of the Spanish Civil War, when Franco had four columns driving against Madrid and the Nationalists were saying that they'd be ~~decisively~~ helped by a fifth column. Meaning ^{secret} Franco ^{sympathizers} within Madrid.

^R That's the ~~origins~~ origin of the term, ^{but} and the powerful object lesson ^{right now is} - Norway, whose ports were virtually handed over to the invading Germans. Norwegian sources are warning us not to believe too much in the sensational stories of treachery - ^{Nazi} ~~Norwegian~~ ^{Norway} sympathizers betraying ^{their country}. They say the underhand job was mostly done by German spies, secret Hitler agents. These, with amazing skill and resource, sent fraudulent orders to Norwegian commanders not to resist, and demoralized Norwegian defense with a maze of false instructions that appeared to be official. That's the kind of fifth column job that was done, and right now other neutral nations are terrified lest the same ~~same~~ happen to them.

Today, the government of Holland declared a state of siege, and tonight the entire nation is under strict military rule. The purpose of this ~~x~~ is to give the government full legal authority to take action against foreign agents. It facilitates ^{the} round-up of alien spies and propagandists, which is now going on. Holland ~~is~~ striking against the ^{elements} ~~makings~~ of a fifth column.

That neutral nation, which lies under so heavy a threat, today once more affirmed its determination to resist if invaded. The Dutch Premier made this declaration:- "We received assurances from both belligerents," said he, "that they would safeguard this neutrality of ours. We trust that this assurance can be relied upon. But, in any case," he added, "we wish to make it perfectly clear that we ourselves are able to, and determine ^d to protect our neutrality."

The Netherlands Premier said ^{all this} ~~that~~ in a radio broadcast, ^{a speech heard} not only ~~in~~ Holland but also ~~in~~ the Dutch East and West Indies.

There's plenty of talk about what might happen to the Dutch Empire

of the East Indies if Nazi Germany should invade Holland. But let's be reminded that there's also a Dutch West Indies. Dutch Guiana and islands of the Caribbean. It's of pertinent interest to Americans to ask - What about the Dutch West Indies if Holland should be invaded? That is decidedly within the scope of the

Monroe Doctrine. *And there is talk of Pan-American action if the time should come.*

~~And~~ Today Belgium took measures against a possible fifth column. The Brussels Premier has just revealed that his government has rounded up several thousand aliens and put them in internment camps. The prisoners in the camps are foreigners who might do a secret agent job, sabotaging Belgian defense in case of invasion. The Premier reiterated that Belgium will fight if attacked, and said the nation is ~~now~~ powerfully prepared for defense.

The most sensational story with a fifth column angle comes from Yugoslavia. There one of the most prominent of Belgrade politicians, has been placed under arrest, and the report is that he'll be tried for high treason. He's the former Premier, Stoyadinovic^{h.}_λ He was seized, together with a number of

his followers. The house of ~~the~~ ^{Stoyadinovich} Former Premier^h was ransacked from top to bottom and all his correspondence was seized for examination. Tonight he's interned in a small mountain village, with a possible charge of high treason hanging over him.

Stoyadinovic^h_h is regarded as a pro-Nazi. When he was Premier his policy favored Hitler. There are reports that recently Berlin has been trying to get him back into power, putting on the pressure to have Stoyadinovic^h_h made Premier again.

^H His arrest today is the principal incident in the Yugoslav drive against conniving foreign agents and in particular - German tourists. These Nazis, traveling around Jugoslavia in the guise of tourists, are regarded as likely material for the formation of a fifth column.

PLANES

Here's a question that is being asked - How many warplanes have the Allies ordered in the United States? And how many have been delivered? Today this was given an authoritative answer by Rear Admiral Towers, Chief of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics. Testifying before the Naval Affairs Committee of the Senate, Admiral Towers stated that since the beginning of the present war Great Britain and France have ordered some seven thousand military planes in the United States. And he said that about three thousand had been shipped.

The Admiral spoke glowingly of aviation progress in this country. He said that by the end of this year American aircraft factories would be turning out ace high warplanes at the rate of twenty-five thousand per year. He said ~~the~~ speed is increasing - faster, faster. *In fact he* ~~he~~ predicted that eventually planes would fly at seven hundred and fifty miles an hour. ~~That's~~ **T**welve and a half miles a minute, ~~and is~~ equal to the speed of sound. Faster, faster.

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CROMWELL

Well, it's finally decided about James H. R. Cromwell being out for the Senate. Our Minister to Canada made his final and definite announcement today. ~~He~~'s entering the New Jersey Democratic primaries which will be held on May Twenty-First. The ^{society}~~soviet~~ man who married Doris Duke, the wealthiest girl in the world, describes himself in ^{his} a statement as - "a liberal who understands the conservative ~~xxx~~ viewpoint by virtue of his background and training."

The diplomat, who was rebuked by Secretary of State Hull because of a strong pro-Ally speech, makes this indirect reference to international affairs. "With the world in flames," says his declaration, "there is no place in politics for indecision, evasion and ~~hypocry~~ hypocrisy - if we are ~~able~~ to maintain institutions and the way of life which we cherish."

The Cromwell candidacy drew the quick fire of New Jersey's Republican Senator, Warren Barbour. He accused Cromwell of war-mongering.

HULL

Secretary of State Hull had ^{the following} ~~this~~ to say today: ^{that} - he is not

a candidate for any political office. This was in response to

the statement we had last night by Governor Hoey of North

Carolina - the Governor saying that the Secretary of State would

be nominated by the Democrats for the presidency. Cordell Hull

has said more than once that he ^{has no White House ambitions,} ~~is not out for the presidency~~

but his rejection today is the strongest he has made thus far.

He stated that he had ^S no political aspirations ^{so} whatever, and

added that he had ^S asked his friends not to do anything to boom him

for the nomination.

HUEY LONG

The shade of Huey Long walked in Washington today - at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors. The ghost of the Kingfish was conjured ^{up} by Publisher James M. Thomson of the NEW ORLEANS ITEM TRIBUNE. Thomson was a leader in the fight against the Long dictatorship. Today he told about the power and personality of Huey, and he was by no means uncomplimentary.

H Publisher Thomson described the Kingfish in these words:- "The most extraordinary man I have ever known in public life." And he said that Huey Long was working to create a national dictatorship. "This strange man," said he, "was moving steadily and effectively to build dictatorship, as ~~iron~~ ironclad and air-tight as those of Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini." And he added:- "Outsiders could not be made to understand that Long's ultimate purpose was to do to the United States what he had done to Louisiana."

There was only one ^{institution} ~~thing~~ that checked the Kingfish.

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He had absolute control of the legislature, the courts, and the police. But what he failed to dominate was - the press. He could not make the important newspapers of Louisiana bend to his will. They alone could curb the Louisiana dictatorship - so said the publisher of the NEW ORLEANS ITEM TRIBUNE.

MEXICO

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In Mexico City, an important financial newspaper stated today that the Mexican Government has come to an agreement with one of the American oil companies involved in the Mexican seizure of foreign oil properties. The newspaper does not state what the terms are, and bases the story ~~of~~^{on} the agreement ~~of~~^{on} what it calls - reliable reports.

MARATHON

The Boston marathon today was what you would not call a close race. If ^{Zer-}Gerard Cote won by a nose, he'd have to have a mighty long schnozzle, in what was not a photo-finish. The marathon runner from the Province of Quebec finished a quarter of a mile ahead of his closest competitor. His time was two hours, twenty-eight minutes and twenty-eight and three-fifths seconds. I like that split second precision, when he was a quarter of a mile ahead. ~~He broke the record for the course~~ - In the Forty-Fourth Boston Marathon he broke the record for the course.

And now Hugh tell the folks about something else that's breaking all records,

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