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WAR

The war situation is rather peculiar tonight - with the two sides in some disagreement about what's going on. Not that there's anything surprising that the opponents should contradict each other, but this time it's a rather peculiar sort of contradiction. Moscow and London tell of an enormous blitzkrieg drive aimed at Moscow. The Germans rather discount this view, and talk about something else.

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Moscow describes the offensive on the Central Front as an all-out Hitler attempt to take the Soviet capital before winter sets in - those famous snows of Russia. And the Red Army communique admits that huge assaults by panzer divisions have penetrated the defending front at one point - though repelled elsewhere. London military experts describe two German drives, one on the north and the other on the south of Moscow - the two drives aiming to cut in eastward and then join forces for one of those familiar blitzkrieg encirclements, with Moscow in the pocket. London says that one forward push by the Nazis has scored an advance of seventy-five miles. TP The combined Soviet-British picture is one of a tremendous assault at the center of the battlefront, the

monster military operation that Hitler announced last week.

From Berlin we have some rather curious comment concerning this - a Nazi spokesman hinting that the great Moscow offensive, as described, ^{is} ~~was~~ largely a matter of Soviet and British reports. He didn't exactly say that there was no such offensive against the Soviet capital, but refused to comment on anything more than foreign accounts of what was going on. Later, another Nazi spokesman made the remark rather cryptically, that the purpose of the blitzkrieg operation was to destroy the Red Army and not to stage a parade to Moscow. Does all this mean that the Germans are playing down the offensive against the Soviet capital, perhaps waiting to see how it works out?

Anyway, the Berlin news is concentrated on a different section of the line entirely - the south - down on the shore of the Black Sea. Berlin claims ^{ing} that a Soviet army has been encircled there, trapped in such fashion that its commanding officers had to get out by airplane.

And here's a further announcement - the capture of Mariupol. That's a Russian harbor only a hundred and ten miles from

the vital city of Rostov at the mouth of the River Don. Mariupol is in the vastly important Donets area of coal mines and industry.

It's only fifty miles from the great Soviet steel-making center of -

Stalino. ^{Which is} ~~It's~~ named after the all-powerful chieftain himself,

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Stalin, Stalino. The capture of Mariupol would mean that the Nazi southern armies in the Ukraine are driving with headlong progress, have made huge advances in the past few days.

However all that may be, it's a curious turn in the war news. Moscow and London telling with immense emphasis of an all-out blitzkrieg drive against Moscow, with Berlin piping down on that and talking of victorious advances far to the south.

FINLAND

Finland today told Great Britain that the Finns will not step out of the war. The British made representations pointing to the fact that Finland has now reconquered the territories which the Red armies seized in the winter of Nineteen Thirty-Nine and Forty. So Finland has regained what she lost, and should stop fighting the Soviets, should retire from the war.

The Finns today rejected that argument, saying that the little northern republic is entitled to some extra territory - to give it a better system of defense. ~~This rebuff of the British communication arouses new surmises in London - that Great Britain may declare war against Finland.~~

UNREST

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It's a startling thing to hear of twelve generals executed by their government. But this is said to have happened in Rumania. The report is from Turkey, and it tells of Rumanian generals demanding that their government discontinue the war against the Soviets. (They are said to have argued that Rumania ~~has now reconquered Bessarabia, which had been seized by the Soviets, and so there was no reason for fighting any longer - side by side with the Nazis in Russia.~~) Turkey reports that the Rumanian Government responded by ordering the execution of twelve generals.

This story ties in with reports of heavy losses that the Rumanians have incurred in their battles with the Red Army, particularly in the Odessa area. Berlin itself gives us a statement of Rumanian casualties, as amounting to as much as one-fourth of the losses which the Germans say that they themselves have incurred in the Nazi-Soviet War.

From other areas, stories continue of a condition of unrest and insurrection against the Nazis. Today Mussolini ordered that the death penalty be applied to people plotting against the

Italians in occupied areas of Jugoslavia. And the Croat government, set up by the Axis powers, is employing savage repression against sabotage and conspiracy on the part of the Serbian minority in Croatia.

A sensational story of **apparent** terrorism from France - the killing of a woman, private secretary to the man who organized the French anti-Communist legion. She was Madame Masse, ^{who} ~~and she~~ took a prominent part in the formation of the French Legion that has gone to fight against the Soviets. Her body was found today in the ~~River~~ Seine. She had been killed, weighted down with stones, and thrown into the ^{river,} ~~stream,~~

PRISONERS

The exchange of British and German prisoners is off.

This was announced in London today. A boatload of wounded and disabled ^{German} soldiers had been waiting to sail for days, but now they've been taken off the ship - back into captivity. We are not told just what happened to bring an end to the exchange of prisoners which had been so elaborately arranged - across the Channel.

The British charge the Nazis with - a flagrant breach of faith.

We hear there was a disagreement about the numbers of prisoners to be turned over by each side. Berlin contended that there should be an equal number of Germans and an equal number of British. London maintained, however, that each side should release all of its wounded and disabled war prisoners - according to accepted principles of international law. There are many more British prisoners of war in German^y than there are Germans in Britain. And this same disproportion goes for the wounded and disabled. According to the British formula, about ten times as many British as Germans would have to be sent home. But now it's all off, and London says that if there is to be any future exchange, negotiations will have to start all over again.

R.F.C.

The lower House of Congress today defeated a motion to prohibit the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to give ^{ing} financial aid to Soviet Russia. The House was considering a bill to expand the lending authority of the R.F.C. by one and a half billion dollars. Congressman Smith of Ohio made the following statement:-

"I'm not in favor of spending American Taxpayer's' money to aid the Communist regime of Russia. We are not in a position where we need to do so," he added.

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Congressman Smith was the author of ^{the} ~~an~~ amendment to keep R.F.C. funds from going to the Soviets. His contention did not prevail. The amendment was rejected, and the House thereupon passed the bill in the form which allows the R.F.C. to lend money to the Stalin regime.

SHIP

Survivor accounts were given out at Rio de Janeiro today.

The captain and ~~the~~ crew of the tanker I.C.WHITE told their

stories. The I.C.WHITE was one of those American owned ships

flying the flag of Panama. The captain stated that the tanker

The Panamanian flag was visible - lighted.
had been torpedoed without warning. [^] He said the submarine that

did the sinking seemed to know the precise route of the ship -

it was in such perfect position to shoot the torpedo. A huge

hole was blown in the side of the tanker, and the oil caught fire -

a tremendous blaze at sea. The ocean was not too rough, and the

members of the crew were able to take to their boats - all save

three. These three, who were Americans, were lost in their hurry

to get off the blazing tanker.

ACCIDENT

The F.B.I. announces that there's no indication of sabotage in the railroad mishap at the Soo Canal Bridge in Michigan today. It appears that something went wrong with the mechanism of the bridge. The span is an old one, built in Eighteen Eighty-Eight. It's what they call -- the jack-knife kind. Opens and closes to permit ships to pass through the canal. Apparently, the closing mechanism failed to work properly, and there was a collapse as a freight train was passing across. An engine and two cars plunged into the canal. Two trainmen lost their lives, and two swam to safety.

The canal is a key route for the shipment of iron ore. Of late the Soo has been having its busiest time, because of the number of iron ore ships passing along to American defense industries. Tonight the canal is tied up with busy work going on to haul the locomotive and freight cars out of the lock, repair the damage, and get the canal open again for shipments of iron ore to the armament factories.

HURRICANE

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The latest big wind of the hurricane season turns out to be a perverse kind of storm. Sweeping westward, it hit southern Florida first. Then, moving out on the Gulf of Mexico, it turned north, describing a kind of quarter circle - and today it blasted northwestern Florida. ^{The blow} ~~The big wind~~ struck in the general area of Apalachicola, with winds of hurricane ^{violence} ~~velocity~~ along a large sector of the Gulf coast. The storm moved inland, where its velocity was declining - at last reports.

It certainly has been an active hurricane season, with one ~~big blow~~ after another. No doubt the unusual amount of disturbance ties up with the freakish character of the weather this fall. It was growing a bit cooler today throughout the eastern states - after record temperatures were registered yesterday.

Raleigh, North Carolina, reported ninety-five and eight-tenths degrees Fahrenheit, the ~~the~~ highest ever for October. Washington had ninety-four degrees, twenty-five above average for the season. Richmond reported ninety-nine - shattering all records, or rather - melting them.

And, It has been tough on the soldiers in the war games

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down in the Carolinas. Hundreds of them overcome by the heat - as they marched and counter-marched in such freakish hot weather for fall.

CHILD

At Conway New Hampshire, the doctors today were marveling at the case of Pamela Hollingworth - the five year old child who was lost in the woods for eight days. ^{TP} After that long ^q time of [^] anxious and almost hopeless searching, they found the little girl - last night. It seemed impossible that she could be alive -

after eight days and nights lost in the forest of the White Mountains.

No food. Nothing to eat. - freezing.

[^] No shelter - and it was raining, and bitterly cold. [^] The doctors say

that the ordeal would probably have killed an adult. Yet today,

upon giving five year old Pamela a thorough examination in the

hospital, they found she's okay. "In surprisingly good condition,"

[^] *said* say the doctors.

They added that the apparent miracle ^{was} ~~is~~ largely because [^]

the five year old kept her courage so well [^] after becoming

separated from her parents in the woods. She was brave in her

tiny way - not at all alarmed at being lost for all that time.

Indeed, When she was found, she said to her father, "You were

lost, but I knew I would find you." And that was sublime confidence.

FIGHT

Today in a New York court a magistrate decided that they wouldn't have any more trouble from Magnusen and Mathieson - not for some time to come anyway. Magnusen and Mathieson are two Norwegian sailors who happened to meet up in Glasgow, Scotland, five months ago. Their respective ships were in port, and in a Scottish saloon they got into an argument. The argument led to a fight, and Magnusen and Mathieson went to it. They're large and brawny Vikings, and were in the process of wrecking the saloon, when a halt was called - in a melodramatic way. The air raid siren, Nazi warplanes coming, and presently Glasgow was being bombed. So Magnusen and Mathieson discontinued their battle, adjourned to air raid shelters - different shelters, ^{or} as it happened, they might have continued their scrap below ground.

They lost sight of each other until last night. As chance would have it, Magnusen's ship and Mathieson's ship put into harbor at New York at about the same time - over in Brooklyn. And last night the two Norsemen happened to meet on a Brooklyn street. So they ^mresulted just where they had left off in Glasgow. They battled all

— that Sackiehall St. Pub.

over the street, and Mathieson put Magnusen through a big plate glass window of a store. This time there was no air raid alarm to interfere, but the police did - when the crashing of the plate glass aroused the entire street. So Magnusen and Methieson were in court today, and the judge did no more than sentence them to pay the price of the shattered window. He suspended all further punishment because it was disclosed that Magnusen's ship is sailing immediately on a whaling expedition into Antarctic waters. Magnusen has sixteen stitches in his back. He was nearly cut in two when he tumbled into the plate glass. The stitches in the back may or may not

Anyhow it was a whale of a fight,
interfere with the whaling. [^] As for Mathieson's ship - it is

scheduled for a long voyage in an opposite direction. So the magistrate figured it will be a long time before the two

Viburno
resume hostilities.
sailors could meet again and ~~continue the fight.~~ [^]

PARACHUTIST

Out in South Dakota, George Hopkins is saying tonight that, as a publicity stunt, it was one awful experience. But, after all, publicity does pay.

Last Thursday we had the story of how Hopkins had made a parachute jump onto the narrow flat top of the pinnacle of rock known as Devil's Peak. He tried to climb down with the aid of a map, but couldn't make it, Only after nearly a week were they able to get him down - by means of a ladder of spikes which expert mountaineers drove into the rock.

Today Hopkins told of some of his worst troubles while he was marooned up there on the island in the sky.

He says that day and night he was pestered with rats and chipmunks. The rodents were not fierce. On the contrary, they were tame. That was the worst of it, especially as he started in by making the mistake of feeding them. He tossed them some of the foodstuffs dropped to him from a plane, and thereafter they swamped him, looking for more, grabbing what food he had.

But now the parachute jumper is back in circulation, after one of the most painful and long drawn-out publicity stunts on record.

But the publicity is working, and Hopkins is getting plenty of propositions - Offers for him to appear and do his parachute jumping act. One is from the Texas Rodeo. The Rodeo is willing to pay a fat fee for Hopkins to make a parachute jump and land on the back of a horse. To which Hopkins today responded, "I probably could do it, if the horse would stand still." Brave and bold as is the jumper of Devil's Tower, he doesn't like the idea of making a parachute landing on the back of one of those broncing buckos -- bucking broncos, of the rodeo.

See if you can keep your lines straight, Hugh