

PHILIPPINES

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A force of Uncle Sam's fighter and fighter -
bomber aircraft ~~caught~~ ^{spotted} another Japanese convoy taking
reinforcements to the Mikado's garrison at Ormoc on
Leyte. Our men caught the Japs right on the spot,
sank six Nipponese vessels, sank them or set them
afire and killed five thousand Japanese troops.

TOKYO

About that latest,
Another raid on Tokyo, *the one that went over* ~~early today~~ in the light
of a full moon, *this time the* formation of ~~our~~ *that* B-29s bombed the
waterfront of the Mikado's capital, and several
industrial plants, ~~It~~ was not as large a force as ~~went~~
~~out~~ before, and ~~the raid evidently was by way of~~
~~being an experiment.~~ ^{TP} General Hansel, head of the
Twenty-first bomber command, said *that this one* ~~it~~ was a test of
bombing under a full moon. Industrial and shipping
targets, ~~he~~ ^{he,} said, should stand out sharply against the
outline of the water. ^{Which} ~~And~~ he added that it will
~~it~~ give his bombardiers a chance to use their bombsights
under those conditions. Also, of course, the Japanese
would not be expecting ~~that~~ raid at such a time and *again*
would be taken by surprise.

General Koiso, the Prime Minister of Japan, *is*
pretended ^{ing} ~~ed~~ that the superforts had ^{be} ~~damaged~~ only ~~residential~~ ^{tax:}
residential and shopping areas. But General Arnold,

Supreme Head of the Twentieth Bomber Command, said
our men attacked only industrial targets.

The rage of the Japanese indicates that they ^{big}
^{planes} must have done ^{plenty of} ~~special~~ damage. A special meeting of
the Cabinet ~~was called, to discuss the matter,~~ and the
authorities have shortened ~~the~~ school hours in Tokyo.

Secretary Stimson said today that the subjects
of the Mikado can expect a regularly repeated and
constantly expanded pattern of destruction, so that the
rank and file of the Japanese people may learn at
first hand where ~~xxxx~~ their war lords have led them.

WESTERN FRONT

General Simpson's Ninth Army has captured three towns on the Roer front, ^{They} ~~and~~ now practically surrounds the two big fortresses of Linnich and (Yielich) Juelich. Simpson's doughboys are storming ahead on a ten-mile front. ^{TP} The Nazis are in retreat, falling back on a secondary defense line ^{some} ~~only~~ twenty-one miles from Cologne. In fact, the report from Eisenhower's headquarters is that the entire north flank of the German army is pulling back across the Roer, ^{with their} ~~and~~ heavy artillery ^{is} ~~is~~ already on the east bank of the river.

The First ^{Army} is also advancing. ~~The Yanks~~ of General Hodges ^{men} have fought their way out of the Huertgen forest, ^{and} ~~is~~ for the second time in twenty-four hours they have captured the village of Lamersdorf, eleven miles northeast of Aix-la-Chapelle.

^{And} Patton's Third is less than two miles away from two important fortresses on the Siegfried line

in the Saar Valley, with his heavy cannon fighting an artillery duel with the big guns of the Nazis on the West Wall.

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Further south the Seventh Army under General Patch is nearing a strategic highway junction fifteen miles north of Strawbourg. Patch's troops have captured two more important towns in their drive through the Vosges Mountains.

On the extreme South the French First Army is pushing down the Rhine from Mulhouse and is now within sixteen miles of Colmar, in central Alsace.

ITALY

The Italian front came to life today, with the Nazis letting loose a terrific artillery bombardment, followed by a tank attack that forced Mark Clark's men to withdraw from three important positions south of Bologna.

The Soviet armies in Hungary are advancing all along the line. One army has captured two more cities northeast of Budapest, places that had been major strongholds of the Nazis. The Red armies are now pointing for Vienna. The Third Army of the Ukraine is pushing toward the Austrian border from the fortress of Pecs (Petch), which they captured the other day.

Meanwhile at Budapest the artillery on both sides has set up such a heavy bombardment that the windows of the city are said to be in powder from the concussion.

Hugh, let's hear from
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more news.

There was a friendly scene in the British House of Commons today. As Prime Minister Churchill entered, the House cheered and cheered. The patriarch of the Mother of Parliaments, an eighty-seven year old Laborite, stepped in front of the Prime Minister and said in a loud voice: "Good morning, My Right Honorable Friend. Happy Birthday Greetings". And then there was a fresh outburst of cheering.

After this pleasantry the Prime Minister had something important to say to the Commons about Lend-Lease. He gave a report on the results of discussions in Washington the purport of which was that ~~the~~ when the Allies conquer Germany, Lend-Lease to Britain will be cut fifty percent, reduced to the equivalent of two and a half billion dollars a year.

After we have defeated Japan it will be dropped altogether.

At the end of the war in Europe some of the things we send to the British will be building materials and pre-fabricated houses. Churchill points out that those have become wartime necessities, because many war workers have been bombed out of their homes.

The Prime Minister then contradicted the notion held by some people that Lend-Lease will be used for postwar reconstruction in Britain. Neither will we send Lend-lease materials to help British export trade.

But, it will soon be possible to improve civilian diet and give them^a greater variety of things to eat. Churchill pointed out that these improvements will be essential if the British are to be as effective as possible in ending the war. He pointed

out that fatigue and abstinence, carried too far
and endured too long, can impede the effectiveness
of a people at war: ~~at least~~ as much as a more
sensational form of privation. So the nature of the
help we give our allies will change to some extent.

LOANS

The State Department today asked Congress to repeal the Johnson Act, or at least that part of it which forbids bankers to loan money to Great Britain or any other country which defaulted on the debts of the last war. The reason ^{being} ~~is~~ that ~~the~~ Mr. Roosevelt ~~Government~~ is anxious to help foreign countries get back on their feet after the war, *which will be difficult* This ~~they cannot do~~ unless they ~~can~~ borrow ~~money~~ *and that* from us. ~~Restrictions like that~~ *the Johnson Act* would prevent the United States from helping to restore international trade.

STRIKE

More strikes in war plants. Some four thousand men went out at a Detroit factory making aircraft sub-assemblies. ~~That's~~ The third big Labor dispute ~~that's been~~ in Detroit in twenty-four hours.

At two other factories producing parts for B-29 bombers, some three-thousand,-three-hundred-and-fifty men are out. If that walkout continues, the Chicago Dodge plant will have to shut down. The strikers belong to the C.I.O. Union.

At Lockland, Ohio, two thousand C.I.O. men struck and brought about a slowdown in the production of airplane engines. This in turn forced two aluminum foundries to shut down and reduced considerably the operations in other shops.

STETTINIUS

The Senate today confirmed Edward R. Stettinius Jr. as the new Secretary of State. This would have happened in a hurry had it not been for Senator Langer of North Dakota who harangued his colleagues for two hours about Stettinius' past, or rather the Wall Street background of the new Secretary's father, and his membership in the firm of J. P. Morgan and Company.

Senator Bennett Champ Clark lashed back at Langer, saying that it came with poor grace to attack a man because of the record of his father, who as Senator Clark put it was actually a splendid man.

The Missouri Senator then pointed out that in order to go to work for the Government, young Stettinius had given up a salary of a hundred thousand a year and had sold all his personal securities.

Langer of North Dakota was the only opposing

vote. So the final was sixty-seven to one --

Republicans as well as Democrats voting for

Stettinius.

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Chargé and counter-chargé

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LITTELL

President Roosevelt today denies his reputation of being too reluctant to fire officials. For some time there ^{has} been an open row between Attorney General Francis Biddle and Assistant Attorney General Norman M. Littell. Charges and counter-charges have flown back and forth like a Badminton ^{shuttle-cock} ~~ball~~.

^π Littell openly charged the Attorney General with suppressing information from Congressional Committees. He also accused him of favoring former Brain Truster Cocheran "Tommy the Cork." He said Biddle was trying to get ^{Tommy Cocheran's} ~~Cork's~~ brother a job as United States Attorney for the southern district of New York. ^{Also he} ~~He~~ went on to say that Biddle was afflicted with confusion of mind, ^{plus} superficiality, vanity, devious methods, and petty personal animosity.

Biddle asked Littell to resign; Littell refused. Then the President suggested that the

Assistant Attorney General quit for the good of his career. Again Littell refused. Today the President

stepped in -
~~came down on him like a truckload of bricks. He just~~

at the same time
~~up~~ and fired Norman M. Littell, and told the world

that the young man had been guilty of inexcusable insubordination.

FOOD

There will be no change in the number of points we need for foods in December. The ~~fx~~ visible supplies of both meats and butter have increased slightly, but the OPA decided not to cut down the pointage value in spite of the opposition of the War Food Administration. ~~Administration~~ Those two agencies are at loggerheads. The WFA wants to reduce points, the OPA even wants to raise them.

The Food Industry War Committee today warned the country of a bad shortage of sugar next year. The stocks on hand are lower than they have been for ten years. The committee says the reason is lack of shipping. ^{and} If something is not done about it, there will be a grave lack in Nineteen Forty-five.

TAX

The Ways and Means Committee of the House are against any increase of the Social Security Tax.

The committee today voted to recommend a law freezing that tax at its present rate, one percent on employers, one percent on employees. The vote was seventeen to seven, eight Democrats joining with the nine Republicans in favor of freezing the tax.

FALL

A gentleman named Fall died in a hospital at El Paso, Texas, ^{tonight.} ~~W~~ This happened four days after his eighty-third birthday. Probably quite a lot of people will have to rub their eyes and ask, ^{"who} ~~themselves~~ ^{did you say? Who was he? Well,} ~~what does that name mean.~~ The man who died at El Paso tonight, was Albert Bacon Fall, former Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, former U. S. Senator, ^{and} Secretary of the Interior in Nineteen Twenty three. Two years after he took office, ~~as~~ Secretary of the Interior, a jury convicted him of having accepted a bribe. ^{To prison this cabinet officer} ~~in connection with the allotment of oil deposits~~ ^{went.} ~~the Tea-pot Dome scandal.~~ ~~in Wyoming.~~ He served his term, emerged a broken man, and died tonight. -- Albert Fall, of

Teapot Dome infamy

ELLIOTT

Blonde Fay Emerson has a two weeks' vacation and is going to devote all of it to a honeymoon with Colonel Elliott Roosevelt. She refused to tell reporters where the honeymoon would take place, and can you blame her? Neither would she say where they would be married. But it will be soon. And where they go depends on how much time Elliott has off from his army duties.

Elliott himself said he hoped to make a home in Hollywood after the war. Miss Emerson spoke up and said, "Yes, but if work takes him out of southern California, I'll go with him."

DORSEY

In a court room at Hollywood tonight, a witness offered an answer to a sixty-four dollar question. The question was, who sliced off the tip of Actor Jon Hall's nose? So let's hear the answer of Jon Hall himself. He says it was Pat Dane, Mrs. Tommy Dorsey.

In ~~the afternoon~~ ^{today's} session ~~at Hollywood~~ ^{of the court} he gave his explanation of that historic brawl. With a plastic do-dad over his nose he told the jury that the battle royal began when the trombone ~~player~~ ^{ist} saw his wife sitting on a sofa ~~was~~ not with him, Jon Hall, but with another actor. ^{Whereupon he said} Dorsey got furious, invited everybody to leave with a lot of ~~bad~~ ^{3 and 4 letter} words. Evidently the Judge wanted to replenish his own vocabulary so he asked Jon Hall what were the words. Hall repeated the words, ^{which I'll not} ~~but I cannot~~ repeat, ~~them~~ to you.

~~Whatever they were, they were enough to drive Jon Hall out of Dorsey's apartment, taking his bad word friends with him.~~

They were about to leave when ^{Dorsey} ~~the trombone~~
~~troubler~~ took it all back and begged them to stay.
 But the guests ^{left} ~~thought~~ the atmosphere was ~~was~~ somewhat
~~less than cordial, so they left.~~ ^{and} Then, the blonde
 Jane Churchill announced she had lost her purse and
 insisted they ~~must~~ all go back to find it. ~~at the~~
~~Dorsey apartment. There is nearly always somebody~~
~~like that on a party. They returned but they never~~
~~found blonde Jane Churchill's purse. And that remains~~
~~an unsolved problem.~~

~~Be that as it may,~~ ^{When} they went back to
 the ~~Dorsey~~ apartment ^{Churchill's} ~~to look for Jane~~ ~~Churchill's~~
^{and} ~~purse,~~ Mrs. Dorsey opened the door, Jon Hall put his
 arm around her, apologized for disturbing them. Then
 out came host Dorsey screaming and asking what Hall
 was doing to his woman.

~~Hall replied that Dorsey maybe had been~~
~~smoking the wrong kind of cigarettes.~~

Then ~~the fun began. First,~~ Dorsey, ^{with} ~~took~~
a looper from the ~~ground~~ ^{floor} and patted Hall. Mrs.
Dorsey ~~jumped in and~~ grabbed Hall by the hair. ~~About~~
~~that time~~ ^{Gambler} In came Smiley from next door and smashed
Hall in the face while Mrs. Dorsey was holding Hall's
head back. *At which*

~~At that~~ point said Hall, he lost part of
his nose.

~~Mrs. Dorsey came out on the balcony while~~
~~Hall was tangling with Tommy, said he. And he added,~~
~~"that is when she cut me with a knife". Well, girls~~
~~will be girls.~~

~~On cross examination Jon Hall admitted~~
~~that he was a trifle dazed, as the saying goes,~~
~~and could not be quite sure who actually sliced off~~
~~the tip of that priceless nose.~~

*And now here's Hugh who
I hope hasn't lost his voice.*

DORSEY

Spectators at the Dorsey trial heard blonde Jane Churchill from Kansas telling the jury that she had not seen as much as she might have seen of the general goings on at the Tommy Dorsey home, because she was too busy trying to prevent Mrs. Dorsey from tearing her, Jane Churchill's, clothes off her back.

The trial did not get around to the point of finding out the why ~~and~~ of all this. Perhaps that will come out later. But, she did say that during the fight on the balcony, Actor Jon Hall had a headlock on Dorsey, and the trombonist called for help. So she asked them to get Mr. Smiley, the so-called gambler, who lived in the apartment next door. Smiley went to the balcony and said to Hall: "If you want to fight, that's my racket".

The trial seems to be in its early stages with much more to come.

After lunch Handsome Jon Hall appeared in court with a plastic contraption covering his nose. He said the battle royal began when Dorsey saw his wife sitting on a sofa with another actor - not Jon Hall, but Eddie Norris. Hall said further he didn't know what was the matter, but that Dorsey suddenly got furious, swore at them all and told his guests to go home.

The Judge wanted to know what words the trombonist had used. Hall told the court that they were words that couldn't be sent over the telegraph wires.

Anyway, his host told him to get out and take his bad-word friends with him. After which the host took it all back and begged them to stay. But, that ^{the} evening was spoiled, so they went. Later Jane Churchill discovered she had lost her purse. They went back to look for it. Mrs. Dorsey opened the

door. Hall put his arm around her and said he was sorry to disturb them. Whereupon out came Host Dorsey yelling and asking what Hall was doing to his woman. Hall replied he thought Dorsey had been smoking the wrong kind of cigarettes. Whereupon the fight began. Dorsey hauled off and patted Hall.

1/2 Mrs. Dorsey jumped in and grabbed Hall by the hair. Then in came the gambler Smiley and smashed him in the face while Mrs. Dorsey was holding his head back. It was then, said Hall, that he lost part of his nose.

And now - if Hugh hasn't lost his voice —