

PACIFIC

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Admiral Nimitz tonight ~~gives~~ gives us

the story of the ^t attack on Manila Bay by carrier

planes on Sunday. ^{He says we} They sank no fewer than sixteen

Japanese vessels ^{there} including a ^{one} light cruiser,

four destroyers, ^{and} eleven cargo ~~and~~ ^{ships} and oilers.

PHILIPPINES

In the Philippines the U. S. Twenty-Fourth ^{Division}
is reported to be all set for an all-out attack on
the Yamoshita Line in the northern part of Leyte.
At the same time the veterans under Major General
Irving are tightening their lines around the three
thousand Japs trapped in the Ormoc Valley. A correspondent
reports that an offensive action on a ~~big~~ big scale is
expected at any moment.

Our troops - the few who landed yesterday on
the Mapia Islands, nine hundred miles southeast of
Leyte, are mopping up the enemy there.

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Word has just come through that one of our
destroyers went down in an engagement with enemy
battleships and cruisers in the gulf of Surigao. In
fact she went down with all her guns firing; and, before
she sank she landed three torpedo hits on a Jap cruiser
and one on a battleship. This was part of the second

battle of the Philippines, in which our Seventh fleet destroyed or damaged all of the Japanese men-of-war and prevented them from attacking MacArthur's men on Leyte.

Two survivors escaped from that destroyer, swam ashore, and for three weeks in the jungle, they dodged enemy patrols. That was on one of the Visayan Islands, near Leyte. One of these lads couldn't walk when he touched land. ~~His~~ His legs just wouldn't hold him up. They had for four days been in the ~~in~~ water.

They say Jap ~~marksmanship~~ marksmanship isn't so hot and that one of our destroyers can handle two or three of theirs. We hope so.

CHINA

In China the Japs continue their westward push. Tokio announces today that Field Marshal Hata has taken command of the operations in the field, Commander-in-Chief of all forces in China. Indicating that the campaign in Kwangsi Province is a major affair -- in their eyes.

Will all this multiply the difficulties of conquering the Mikado's Empire? Well, other plans are afoot, as we know.

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Donald Nelson, with thirteen experts and advisers, arrived at Chungking today. Step up production in the war industries in China! That's Nelson's new job. At present those war industries are meager indeed.

Planes of Chennault's Fourteenth Air Force have again bombed the docks at Hongkong.

GREW FOLLOW PACIFIC

Admiral Nimitz has a visitor at Pearl Harbor. ~~It is~~ Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan, the man who warned President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull that the Japanese would attack us, without warning, probably at Pearl Harbor. Grew is now Chief of the ~~ARMY~~ Far Eastern division of the State Department.

He said his prime purpose in coming to Pearl Harbor was to take lessons in horse shoe pitching from Admiral ~~Chester~~ Nimitz. Then he added that he had learned other things from the Admiral including a lesson in psychology. Said Grew: "The United States must go to the end of the road with Japan, no matter how tough. If we do not we can be certain that our sons and ~~grandsons~~ grandsons will be fighting the Japs all over again!"

WESTERN FRONT

From the Western Front news today that sounds almost like a tall story. One entire American Army has been in action in France, Holland, Belgium and on the German frontier ever since the breakthrough in Normandy, and not a word leaked out about it, until today! It's the U. S. Ninth Army under Lieutenant General William H. Simpson, a tall, soft-spoken soldier from Texas.

This one, we hear, was originally called the Eighth Army. But Eisenhower changed its name to avoid confusion with the famous British Eighth. After the break-through in Normandy the Ninth had the assignment of ~~XXXXXX~~ cleaning up Brittany and taking Brest. That siege ended September twentieth, whereupon the Ninth moved over to Luxembourg for a while. Finally, it went to its present position, between our First Army under General Hodges, and the British Second.


We are told that it's presence has been kept secret from the Germans too.

Eisenhower tells us this today - together with word about the opening of his big winter offensive. Along a four hundred mile front he has now given the green light to six armies totaling more than a million ~~men~~. *five hundred thousand men.*

General Hodges' First Army is heading straight for the Rhine. The Ninth Army, on his left flank, has gone into action in Holland, along side the British Second. The Britishers began their part of the attack three days ago and so far have advanced some ten miles, and are now only thirty-three miles away from the big factory city of Dusseldorf.

The Canadian First which bore the brunt of the fighting for the estuary of the ~~Schelf~~ Scheldt, is being held in reserve.

South of Hodges is Patton's outfit, and south of Patton is the American Seventh, and south of that the French First. That's the lineup as the big offensive gets under way.



ADD WESTERN FRONT

Oh yes, and Late this evening, we have news that the shock troops of the French First Army, equipped with American material and munitions, ~~entirely~~ are now less than eight miles from Belfort, the gateway to the valley of the lower Rhine.

We ~~also~~ learn today that in the late summer Patton's advance across France to the Moselle was held up for lack of gasoline and oil. If he had been able to roll on, over the Germans for another fifty miles, the whole battle might be over by now. So said the correspondent of the London Times. However, he adds, the situation is much better as it is, because it will probably mean a more complete victory at smaller cost. The pause enabled the American Generals to give their troops some rest and reinforcements and new weapons.

Correspondents with the Third Army are writing as though Metz were already virtually captured. But the probability is that the Third will still have to do a lot of ~~furious~~ fighting before they take ^{the} that ancient fortress. The Germans are counter-attacking furiously, and ^{today} drove the Americans out of one or two positions south and west of the city. But early this morning a British broadcast announced that American troops were already only three-quarters of a

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mile away from the outskirts of Metz. Some of the doughboys declare they ^{now} are setting their watches by the huge clock in the center of the city. And in some of the German counter-attacks American mortar and machine-^{fire} guns fairly mowed them down. The Nazis are using the old white flag trick for all they are worth. One unit saw an entire column moving along waving white flags. But as the Americans advanced to take them prisoner, they broke ranks and ran into a nearby fort. ^π One German prisoner said the Nazis had withdrawn their best troops out of Metz and left only second-rate units to fight a delaying action.

DUTCH MUD

The kind of weather they are having on the Western Front is indicated by a song that ^{the} British Tommies are singing on the front of Eastern Holland:— "Paddle Your Own Canoe". They are ~~Caroling~~ ^{ed with} many a sour note. And, ~~it's~~ varied occasionally with a shout: "bring your own rowboat". ^{TP} Holland is canal country, which provides plenty of water to cross even in the driest kind of season. Now it's raining, ^{and} the land between the canals ~~is~~ is a soggy morass. So the Tommies ^{are} ploughing ~~ing~~ through the mire and splash ^{ing} across canals. ^{TP} United Press Correspondent ~~Richard~~ MacMillan tells of driving a jeep that went slithering and sliding over what he called "the flattest and soggiest land I have ever seen". He came upon a couple of British Tommies ~~xxxx~~ one a veteran of North Africa, who growled:—"and to think I used to grumble in the desert".

~~He said he would~~
~~in other words, he'd~~ gladly trade all the mud in Holland for one good sand storm.

Now Hugh, for one brief minute, will you take over — and then I have a lot more news.

RUSSIA

That siege of Budapest - it's still on!

However, Radio Berlin admits tonight, that the Reds have captured all the big fortresses east of the city.

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CHURCHILL

Prime Minister Churchill today had an exchange of words on the floor of the House of Commons with Lady Astor, the member from Plymouth. Churchill was telling the House that the Government would rush the building of new homes in Britain as fast as the progress of the war permitted. Thereupon the lady asked whether the Prime Minister would ^{assure} ~~XXXXXX~~ the people that houses would go ahead ^{— that is, ahead} even [^] of beer.

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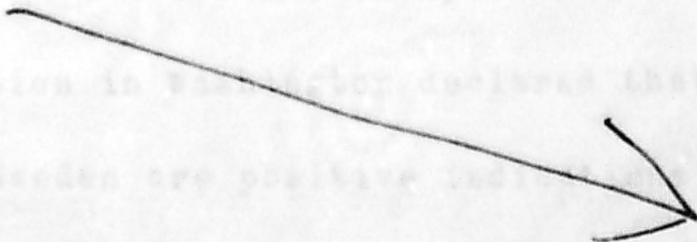
But he also promised that the first effort of his government after the defeat of Germany will be the

defeat of Japan. In this he was merely repeating the promise he made a couple of months ago.

SWEDEN

More signs ~~if possible~~ of trouble between Nazi Germany and Sweden, ---- with a Stockholm report telling of ^a Swedish round up of agents of the Hitler Gestapo. These have been carrying on the usual crooked work of the Nazi underground ^{with} ~~and~~ the emphasis on spying. Now the Swedes are beginning to arrest them. Of special significance is the fact that the Gestapo agents ^{that} ^{have been} rounded up are not merely the underlings, the second raters. Top figures have been arrested; and Germans occupying high official posts. ^{TR} This is illustrated by the Chief of the German Tourist Bureau in Stockholm, Baron Berndt Von Gosler, who occupied a semi-diplomatic position. The Swedish police have grabbed him and he ~~has~~ has been ordered out of the country "as an undesirable foreigner". ^{TR} The arrests announced today are only a beginning. More Gestapo workers are scheduled to be chucked out. All of which is said to please the Swedes exceedingly. Both press and public are applauding, and want to see the deportation extended to full fledged

Nazi diplomats, who are known to be doing spy work
for the Gestapo.



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HITLER

The wild and woolly rumors about Hitler reached a climax today ---- with an even still more fantastic theory. Der Fuhrer in Japan! -- for a Hitler-Hirohito meeting! This emanates from two separate sources.

It comes from diplomatic circles in Spain and from a London newspaper in which an Austrian author, who has made a study of Hitler's movements says the indications are that the Nazi dictator has taken either a plane or a submarine to the far east and is conferring with the war leaders of Japan, headed by the Mikado. ^{TP} The

Spanish version is that Hitler recently took a plane for a long trip, and Japan is mentioned as the probable destination. I don't quite know what they could do at a Hitler-Hirohito meeting, except maybe get out the Japanese weeping towels, and shed abundant tears. ~~It~~

^{Can} ~~fact~~ you ~~can~~ imagine Der Fuhrer and the Mikado glaring at each other like a couple of gamblers who have lost? [?]

^{TP} Still another rumor has Hitler making a long plane trip.

This one states that he has gone to South America, fleeing from defeated Germany to take refuge in a South

American country. Argentina is named.

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RUMOR

Let's join President Roosevelt in squelching what he today called "a vicious rumor", also "an unqualified falsehood". There are a lot of cockeyed rumors going around, most of them mighty ugly. This one is the lowest gossip of all, the story that Americans wounded at the front have to buy blood plasma. The President declares: "The latest and most vicious rumor that has come to my attention, is that blood plasma, given so spontaneously and patriotically to the Red Cross by millions of Americans, is being sold to our wounded fighting men. This is an unqualified falsehood" declares the President, and he adds: "persons spreading such rumors should be reported to the F. B. I."

RAFT

Movie Star George Raft is very angry. He is going to file suit for slander. It is all because of a crap game on March twenty-fourth. According to the District Attorney of New York county, an aircraft executive said he lost Eighteen-thousand-five hundred in a game at the apartment of Manager Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Durocher was not there. But the aircraft executive, Martin ^h Surin told the New York ~~District Attorney~~ ^{prosecutor} that a ^{certain} top-flight movie actor had made thirteen straight ^{passes.} ~~points~~ Actor George Raft resents the implication that hot dice were used in that game. Said he, ~~W~~ "Sounds to me like ^h Surin needs some extra dough fast and thinks this is an easy way to get it".

Another spokesman for Raft was his body guard, Mack Gray, who was reported to have the nickname of "Killer." "Killer" Gray said to the reporters: ~~W~~ "We'll take this big manufacturer for plenty", and he added "that is, if he has any dough. Then he ~~xxxk~~ exclaimed indignantly, "imagine

him saying a thing like that about Raft. The boss is a sensitive fellow and it really hurts him to have anybody think he'd do a thing like that".

Now Hugh, we're sensitive to. Tell us something, but not something that hurts.

LABOR BOARD

There will be no split-up of the War Labor Board. The Chairman and two other public members who wanted to resign have consented to stick to their jobs. The President has prevailed upon them to continue on the Board until the final defeat of Germany; or, at least until they can leave without seriously affecting the work of the Board.

A White House announcement says that the President has decided he will not accept their resignations. So, they'll stay on the job.

ELECTIONS

Governor Donnell of Missouri finds reason to be more and more anxious every day about his effort to become United States Senator. A block of soldier votes that were counted and reported today has cut his lead down to nine hundred and ninety-five. The vote, we hear, is virtually all in, but it seems there still is a chance that Donnell may lose.

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ROSENBERG

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There ~~been~~ talk ~~that~~ President Roosevelt
~~might~~ *my* replace Madam Perkins as Secretary of Labor,
with ~~Mrs.~~ Anna Rosenberg, head of the War Manpower
Commission for New York. Mrs. Rosenberg herself
sqelched ~~that~~ *2* rumor ~~flatly~~ today. And, she took time out
to deny another, the report that she was to be Deputy
Director in charge of Veterans Rehabilitation. That
job she *said she* turned down some time ago, although she has
been serving as Consultant on policy to General
Hines, the Director of Veterans Administration.

QUESTIONNAIRES

A degree of relief is in sight for businessmen, one that they should greet with cheers. There will be fewer questionnaires for them to answer -- when the war is won in Europe. The promise from the Bureau of the Budget. However, the Government will still need statistics to help in the job of converting industry from wartime to peacetime economy. So that sounds like another promise with a string to it.

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the President Roosevelt will have to decide. And he hasn't forgotten one way or the other, and now, one way or the other,

GAME

The question of playing the Army and Navy football game in a big city has ^{now} become a Cabinet issue. ^{with} The Secretaries ~~are~~ divided. Navy Secretary Forrestal has changed his mind, and ^{is} in favor of transferring the game to Philadelphia or New York, i.e. according to the latest report. But War Secretary ^{still} Stimson holds out for Annapolis.

Reporters asked Treasury Secretary Morgenthau about it today. He declined to go out on a limb, ~~because~~ ^{ing} he did not want to oppose the Office of Defense Transportation. But he did say that if the game were played in a large stadium, five or ten million dollars' worth of war bonds could be sold. Then up spoke Director Ted Gamble of the War Finance Division of the Treasury. ~~The President himself will have to~~ Said he: "I don't like to butt in, Mr. Secretary, ~~but it would be more like fifty millions."~~ ^{TP} but it would be more like fifty millions."

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And, he hasn't spoken one way or the other so far.

And now, one way or the other, will you speak up H!

BYRNES

Former Justice James F. Byrnes is now definitely
Director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconver^{sion.}
The Senate confirmed the nomination half an hour after
Mr. Roosevelt sent it in. Senator George of Georgia
asked his colleagues to depart from the usual rule
that nominations have to be referred to a committee.
The Senators agreed unanimously. Senator White of
Maine, the Republican floor leader, put in a resounding
tribute for Byrnes.

AIR WAR

Our Eighth Air Force today hammered German positions between Aachen and Cologne. One airman described it as a show of air power beyond belief. An unbroken stream of planes flew over the targets, showering down a solid stream of bombs. For this General Doolittle sent out more than twelve hundred heavy bombers, plus escort. And after our own Eighth Air Force got through, the Royal Air Force took over with huge formations of Lancasters.

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Again we have stories of widespread unrest in Germany, and, sabotage. The sabotage ~~is being~~ accomplished by some of the foreign slave workers of whom there are eight million in Hitler's Reich. In September General Eisenhower broadcast an appeal to the ~~to~~ ^{se} ~~to~~ ^{to} quit their jobs in Nazi factories and go into ~~the~~ hiding. ^{And} Some ~~of them~~ may have been able to do so, ~~but it would not have been any too~~ ~~easy.~~ Those eight million ~~slaves~~ impressed from the conquered countries, now represent about one-tenth of the population of Germany, and almost to a man they hate the Germans. Newspaper stories also report that German civilians have been arrested and thrown into concentration camps ~~and~~ [—] for rioting, [—] thousands of them.