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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

One story from the Western Front tonight reminds us of the great college song, "Take me down where the Wurtzburger flows." Yes, that's where Patton's rampaging armor is tonight, rolling through Wurtzburg in Bavaria. Wurtzburg has other claims to fame besides breweries; including a university founded in Fifteen Hundred and eighty-two, the University where Röntgen discovered the Röntgen rays. Also one of the great Cathedrals of the world, dating back to Ten Forty-two.

The spectacular advance of Patton's armored legions is one of the items in the great offensive which began over the weekend

and which we were able to foresee behind the great  
smokescreen which the Allied generators had set up along  
the Rhine.

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This morning ~~General Dwight~~ Eisenhower was in a  
hotel on the west bank of the Rhine facing Godesburg. It  
*the same*  
~~was the~~ hotel where Neville Chamberlain stayed in  
Big Nineteen Thirty-Eight, trying desperately to appease  
Hitler and stave off the war. As Eisenhower looked across  
the river toward Godesburg, he said, speaking of the First  
Army, "I expect them to lick everybody they come up  
against." Then he continued: "They did it all the way  
across France, I see no reason why they should stop  
*before*  
~~until~~ they come to Berlin." *IT* Eisenhower held a conference  
with Generals Bradley, Hodges and Patton, a conference which  
correspondents report was most significant.

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The principal crossing was ~~at~~ at

Aschaffenburg, twenty-two miles to the southeast of

*tel this)*

Frankfort, ~~Frankfort~~ The Fourth armored division rolled on there, took the Germans by surprise, and were speeding over it before the Germans had time to blow <sup>up</sup> the bridge, ~~up~~.

Allied armies have begun the siege of Frankfurt from three sides, Frankfurt the ninth largest city in ~~all~~ Germany. And the tanks of the First Army have crashed into the City of Limburg. ~~This is not~~ the Limburg where the strong cheese comes from, <sup>which</sup> ~~that one~~ is in Holland, and ~~we had that one long since.~~ From Limburg they are advancing <sup>But</sup> on Frankfurt. The Fourth Armored Division is already in part of Frankfurt. According to the ~~best~~ reports, almost the entire population of the city on the Main has been evacuated. The greater part of the factories are north of the River Main, and all bridges have either been destroyed or mined so they can be blown up at the signal. Officers do not expect the siege of Frankfurt to last long. Newspapermen are ~~bold enough to~~ <sup>i</sup> prophesy that

its fall is a matter of only hours. One neutral told an American newspaperman that the Germans behind the Western Front are running around in circles.

Turning our attention north again, we find that the British bridgehead at one point is fifteen miles deep across the Rhine, and the Canadians are keeping pace.

At latest accounts, Patton was only fifty-four miles from the historic Bavarian city of Nuremberg, ~~one~~ <sup>great</sup> He is only two hundred miles from Berlin, ~~of~~ the Nazi shrines. Actually, the advance guards of all our armies are rolling ahead so fast that it is difficult to say exactly where they are. But we do know they are pushing ahead as fast as they did in France after the break-through in Normandy.

One thing we learn is that there is not a German left on the west bank of the Rhine from Switzerland to Holland. And, as an interesting sidelight, American engineers have been using German steel with which to build

their bridges across the Rhine, steel from the great Krupp  
armament works in the captured cities of Rheinshoven  
and Krefeld.

ADD WESTERN FRONT

A later dispatch tells us that ~~Lieutenant~~  
General Alexander Patch has thrown his Army, the  
Seventh, across the Rhine.

*And he made*  
~~It must have been a~~  
~~spectacular operation because he did it without~~  
either artillery or aerial preparation. Allied  
headquarters does ~~not~~ <sup>the 7th</sup> tell us where Patch crossed.

Another late bulletin reveals that the  
*Americans*  
~~Yanks~~ of the First Army have borne out Eisenhower's  
*prognostication. They already*  
~~estimate of them. They~~ have driven thirty-five  
*further east - deep into Germany,*  
miles East and have reached a place whose name  
~~doesn't matter much to us but it is a sizeable~~  
~~place of strategic importance.~~

The Ninth under General Simpson, ~~has been~~  
smashing into the Ruhr, *has* ~~That is~~ one of the toughest  
assignments. *For the whole* ~~an Army can have because the whole~~  
Ruhr is ~~really one~~ <sup>a</sup> fortress. But the ~~Yanks of the~~  
Ninth *is now within 3 miles of* ~~have been forging ahead at the rate of~~  
~~more than half a mile an hour and they are now less~~  
~~than three miles away from~~ the great steel city of  
Essen.

~~Summing it up you might say that the~~

~~final chapter of the war on the Western Front has~~

~~begun. It is not quite the final phase. But,~~  
*This may be the chapter, but*

Supreme headquarters tells us, ~~that we~~ *the Allied armies* have reached

~~their~~ *their* ~~out~~ objectives ~~and crossed the Rhine~~ weeks ahead of

schedule. Seven armies are ~~across~~ *now over* the Rhine, and

their advance guards ~~are~~ spreading out through

Germany *in all directions* ~~like the tentacles of an octopus.~~

## RUSSIA

Of course, the advance of our armies into the heart of Germany is to us the most thrilling and dramatic part of the news, but the strategy experts keep a closer eye on the doings in Hungary. It is the advance on Vienna that is thought to be the important military drama. By capturing Vienna and walking into Bavaria from the east, the Russians can hamstring the Nazi plans for a last ditch hold-out in Bavaria.

So it is exciting to learn that tonight two Soviet armies are advancing on a hundred and twenty-five mile front, toward <sup>Vienna,</sup> the great capital on the Blue Danube, which never is blue, and probably never has been.

One Soviet column has taken Pappa. That is the name of a town, a big defense base only seventy-four miles away from Vienna. At the same time, the Third Ukrainian Army of Marshal Tohbukin, has captured a road junction fourteen miles to the south of Pappa, and that puts him less than



thirty-one miles away from the Austrian frontier.

And the Second Ukrainian Army in Czechoslovakia has crossed the Rhon River, and even the Nazis admit it, the Fifteenth Air Force based in Italy, has bombed railway crossings at three places.

In the north, the Soviet divisions have finished liquidating a German pocket southwest of Koenigsberg, in East Prussia. They have taken twenty-one thousand prisoners there.

## AIR WAR FOLLOW RUSSIA

In their operations in Hungary, the Russians had help from American airplanes. U.S. heavy bombers of the Fifteenth Air Force based on Italy, bombarded railway junctions and airfields behind the German lines.

At the same time, the Royal Air Force spotted a large German convoy heavily guarded, steaming south through the Skagerrak. These probably were troop ships, bringing reinforcements from Norway to Field Marshal Kesselring on the Western Front. Four-engined British Halifaxes attacked and damaged the convoy heavily, but further details are not available at present.

## GERMANY FOLLOW RUSSIA

Fresh stories keep pouring in about the agitated state of mind of the Germans, even of the Nazi chiefs. One dispatch from Switzerland reports that ~~Hitler~~ Hitler ~~himself~~ has called in all his principal henchmen from all over Germany for a conference at Berchtesgaden. <sup>And a</sup> ~~The~~ story ~~coming~~ from Allied headquarters at Paris, ~~is that~~ <sup>case</sup> the Nazis are already starting to withdraw to the Bavarian Alps and the Tyrol, where they hope to hold out in <sup>the</sup> mountain fastnesses. There is even evidence that the enemy is moving his heavy armament toward Bavaria, for a last stand.

Interpreters of the United States Seventh Army report that prisoners are saying that their officers are deserting them in large numbers, leaving only a few juniors to take charge of the rear guards while the more experienced officers escape to the Alps.

~~The~~ Allied airplane observers <sup>say</sup> ~~report~~ that they have seen long columns of German transport headed south and east.

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JAPAN FOLLOW GERMANY

And the subjects of the Miakdo are just as blue as the Nazis. The Eighty-Sixth Session of the Japanese Diet came to an end today, and the members went home with gloomy forebodings. The speaker of the lower House told newspapermen that the people of Japan have never before in history faced such a situation as they face today. That the days ahead have no past precedent, and that the people of the Rising Sun must find their own way out. The speaker talked freely about American successes, and our latest invasion of their islands.

GUAM

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A report from Admiral Nimitz! His warships and planes have been battering the sizeable island of Okinawa in the Ryukyu group. He does not give many details, just says carrier planes and ~~and~~ battleships shelled the air fields and shore installations for the third time in four days. ~~A few Jap planes tried to intercept but evidently did not get to first base.~~

The Japs ~~on the other hand~~ say that no fewer than four American task forces have carried out landing operations on three small islands west of Okinawa. *reports that these Americans* Radio Tokyo ~~says the~~ task forces included fifteen aircraft carriers, ~~and~~ eleven battleships, ~~and~~ ten cruisers, and thirty two destroyers. Tokyo says further the fleets began shelling those islands Saturday morning ~~helped out by~~ *aided by* the bombing ~~from~~ *^* four-hundred-and-thirty carrier planes. Nimitz does not ~~we~~ confirm this, but, the story from Guam does report that the fleets included our latest battlewagons of the new forty-five thousand ton class.

PACIFIC

*follows Guam*

The damage done by our airmen to enemy installations on the island of Formosa has been considerable, and tonight we learn that they have knocked out three-quarters of the electrical supply of that great island.

A spokesman at Mac Arthur's headquarters revealed today that bombers based on the Philippines have been hitting Formosa almost every day this year. Nor will they stop until they have completely wiped out all factories and war installations on Formosa. Already they have forced the Japanese to shut down two of their biggest aluminum plants.

Some of MacArthur's Liberators carried out the latest blow, wrecking two ~~great~~ big hydro-electric plants. Experts, after studying photographs of the damage, report that the whole southern two-thirds of Formosa and its war industries will be seriously hampered, perhaps even cut off. Also, that the damage will cause a blackout through all of southern ~~Formosa,~~ Formosa,

and a suspension of production at factories. **ix**

Our airmen, we hear, have destroyed all transformer stations on Formosa. They landed direct hits with two thousand pound bombs on the generators in the plants.

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## LLOYD GEORGE

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Nineteen Eighteen, and how, after the war was won, he became at Versailles one of the two chief obstacles to President Wilson's dream of a world in which there would be no war, the other being Clemenceau.

"L.G.", as the British, of all classes, called him ~~with~~ with affection and admiration, was taken ill soon after he had been raised to the House of Peers, after he became the Earl of Dwyfor, somewhat to the disapproval of many of his admirers. By becoming an Earl some said he had gone back on the people whose support had made him great. Be that as it may, David Lloyd George will live in the British pantheon along with the two Pitts, and Churchill, Britain's other great British war premiers.

DEBT

President Roosevelt <sup>has</sup> asked the Congress to increase the National Debt limit ~~up~~ to Three hundred billion dollars, -- three hundred thousand millions.

*How's that for an astronomical figure? And,*  
~~That still sounds like quite a lot of dollars.~~

The Senate pushed it through today after only a short debate, <sup>^</sup> passed it by a voice vote.

The still small voice of Senator Taft of Ohio asked the Roosevelt government to give Congress a review of its <sup>f</sup>iscal plans.

The latest idea is for the federal government to concern itself with ladies' corsets. Also brassieres. A director of the National Retail Drygoods Association wants the War Production Board to establish priorities in corsets and brassieres, first priority to women in war work. He says they are essential to the efficiency of women helping their country at the bench, the lathe, the welder, or whatever work they are doing to help the war effort. And then he made the revelation that some women are actually hoarding 'em. That if the present high rate of sale and low rate of production keeps up, there will be an acute shortage which will impair the war effort of the nation.

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9 Hugh, what do you know about that?!!

RYUKYU

*taken from W. Mar. 26*

So far we have no confirmation from Admiral Nimitz of the Japanese report that he has invaded three islands in the Ryukyu group -- at the door of Japan. We actually get the story from Guam, where Nimitz has his headquarters; but, it's based entirely on Tokyo broadcasts overheard at Guam.

The Tokyo accounts were confused. The first one reporting that our people were trying to land on three spots west of the island of Okinawa. In that one, the Japs declared the garrison had prevented the landing of so much as one single American soldier. Two hours later, Tokyo changed its tune, and said the Nipponese garrison was fiercely resisting American landing operations.

The Japs say that not one, but four American naval task forces were off the ~~Ryukyus,~~ <sup>Ryukyus,</sup> including fifteen carriers, eleven battleships, ten cruisers, and thirty-two destroyers. The fleets, say the enemy, began shelling the islands Saturday morning, and bombing from four-hundred-and-thirty carrier planes.

According to further details in the Japanese report, the three islands on which we landed are Tokashiki six miles long and a mile wide, and Aka, a mile by a mile and a half, and Zamami, a tiny spot, all of them some three-hundred-and-eighty-five miles to the south of Kyushu, and fourteen miles west of Okinawa.

Military experts point out that by capturing those three islands, Nimitz would be in a position to move up the western side of the Ryukyus, toward the Japanese mainland, and cut in behind the Japanese chain of defense.

In later reports, the Japs simplified their story and acknowledged that we had finally begun landing operations under cover of a heavy bombardment. They also said their garrisons were counterattacking.

**BURMA**

The latest from Burma is that the British have cut up the enemy forces south of Mandalay into three main groups. The armored columns of our Allies are driving on towards the main railroad to Rangoon.

Further north, the Japs have cleared out of the road from Lashio to Hsipaw. British and Chinese troops joined up ten miles from Hsipaw.

CAMP

In the turbulent days of the late 'Thirties, when the Deutsch-America Bund was flourishing in some parts of the U.S.A., ~~flourishing~~ and behaving with <sup>much</sup> ~~great~~ insolence, one of its principal hangouts was Camp Nordland, near Andover, New Jersey. There the most aggressive and loud mouthed of Hitler's agents carried on. Over weekends something like twenty thousand Bundists <sup>would</sup> ~~would~~ gather, ~~there~~. Free beer was served by the barrel, which may have accounted for the presence of <sup>some</sup> ~~one or two of these~~ <sup>at any</sup> ~~rate~~ ~~rate~~ the activities of Camp Nordland created an ugly noise and a most unpleasant smell in the nostrils of decent Americans. Newspapermen who visited the place out of curiosity and for investigation, said the ringleaders at Camp Nordland talked, <sup>and</sup> strutted ~~and swelled~~ like Gestapo agents, and created the suspicion that they had entered the country without the sanction of the immigration authorities.

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Well, The scandal died down in December, Nineteen Forty-One,  
because after that there was little room in the wide U.S.A.  
for a Bundist camp. <sup>How does</sup> ~~The site of~~ Camp Nordland come <sup>into</sup> ~~in~~ the  
news today? Because a group of business men bought the  
land from the Alien Property Custodian, ~~and is going~~ to  
use part of it for an American boys' camp. ~~And that's~~  
~~as good use as I know for land.~~