

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I am in Virginia tonight, broadcasting from one of the largest of Uncle Sam's army camps. In two years--and two months--more than half a million men have gone through this one camp. The name of it, an appropriate name in Virginia, is Camp Lee.

And the Camp Newspaper, which has been cooperating with me in rounding up my news is appropriate also. LEE TRAVELLER. You will recall that General Lee's famous charger was named Traveller.

Appropriately also the commanding general here is a Southerner--Major General Jasper E. Edmonds whom I knew nearly 20 years ago as a southern editor--of the NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE.

And now let's see what has been happening to some of our soldiers who've gone out from Camp Lee.

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But no this <sup>COAL STRIKE</sup> first item is not about our soldiers at all. It's not about men who are fighting. It's about men who are striking.

IF THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IN THE COAL STRIKE TODAY WAS AS

FOLLOWS:

THIS MORNING THE WAR LABOR BOARD ORDERED THE UNION AND THE COAL OPERATORS TO STOP NEGOTIATING FOR A SETTLEMENT. THE BOARD STATED IT WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE ANY AGREEMENT THAT MIGHT BE MADE - - NOTWHILE THE STRIKE IS ON. THE ATTITUDE OF THE W. L. B. WAS THAT BY ORDERING A COAL MINE WALKOUT JOHN L. LEWIS AND THE UNION VIOLATED THE NO-STRIKE PLEDGE WHICH LABOR LEADERS HAD GIVEN - - THE PROMISE NOT TO HAVE STRIKES DURING THE WAR. MOREOVER, ANY TERMS THAT MIGHT BE ARRIVED AT WOULD BE, IN THE BOARD'S WORDS, "UNDER THE PRESSURE OF THIS STRIKE COERSION."

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNION AND THE OPERATORS WOULD HAVE TO BE OKAYED BY THE W. L. B. AND THE LABOR BOARD POLICY ALL ALONG HAS BEEN TO REFUSE TO CONSIDER ANY LABOR DISPUTE IN WHICH THERE WAS A STRIKE.

THE JOHN L. LEWIS GROUP AND THE COAL MINE OWNERS WERE

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## COAL STRIKE SHEET 2

IN SESSION WHEN THEY RECEIVED THE LABOR BOARD ORDER TO STOP  
 NEGOTIATING. <sup>So</sup> THEY BROKE OFF THE MEETING - - IN WHICH THEY  
 WERE'NT GETTING ANYWHERE, ANYWAY. BUT THEY AGREED TO HOLD  
 ANOTHER SESSION TOMORROW - - IN SPITE OF THE LABOR BOARD  
 ORDER.

THE NEXT STEP CAME IN AN APPEAL BY THE W.L.B. TO THE  
 WHITE HOUSE. THE BOARD ASKED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO INTERVENE  
 AGAIN, AND TAKE ACTION. <sup>TR</sup> THE PRESIDENT DID TAKE ACTION WHEN  
 THE MINERS WERE ON STRIKE BEFORE - - THE TIME WHEN HE HAD THE  
 ARMY TAKE OVER THE MINES. WHAT WILL HE DO NOW? THAT QUESTION,  
 LEFT OVER FROM LAST NIGHT, WAS IN SUSPENSE ALL DAY.

ONE POSSIBILITY MENTIONED WAS THAT THE MINERS MIGHT BE  
 DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY, AND THEN, AS SOLDIERS, SENT INTO THE  
 MINES TO DIG COAL. BUT WASHINGTON OPINION WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT  
 WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING SO DRASTIC.

LATE THIS ATERNOON CAME AN INTIMATION THAT PRESIDENTIAL  
 ACTION MIGHT BE NEAR. <sup>Solid -</sup> ~~SOLID~~ FUELS ADMINISTRATOR ICKES AND THE  
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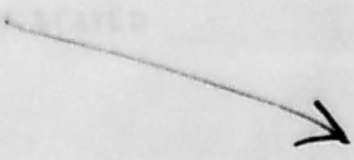
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## COAL STRIKE SHEET 3

LABOR BOARD WERE CALL TO THE WHITE HOUSE, SUMMONED BY THE  
PRESIDENT FOR A CONFERENCE ON THE COAL CRISIS. THIS OCCURRED  
AS THE DAY GREW TOWARD AN END - - THE PRESIDENT, ICKES AND THE  
LABOR BOARD CONFERRING ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

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## ADD COAL STRIKE

MEANWHILE, THE STRIKE CONTINUED THROUGH ITS SECOND DAY - -  
 WITHOUT ANY SIGN OF A BREAK IN THE RANKS OF THE MINERS.  
 MORE THAN HALF A MILLION DIGGERS OF COAL SIMPLY STAYED  
 HOME OR LOITERED AROUND THE MINE ENTRANCES.

EVERYBODY KNOWS AND EVERYBODY REMARKS - - THAT STOPPAGE  
 OF WORK CAN HAVE A GREAT EFFECT ON WAR PRODUCTION, COAL BEING  
 SO VITAL A FUEL FOR ARMAMENT PLANTS. THE WORD TODAY WAS THAT  
 IF THE STRIKE GOES ON THERE MAY BE A SERIOUS DECREASE OF  
 STEEL PRODUCTION TOWARD THE END OF THE WEEK - - AND STEEL IS  
 THE NUMBER ONE SINEW OF WAR.

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THE NAVY GIVES US A FIGURE FOR JAPANESE CASUALTIES ON THE ISLAND OF ATTU. IN THE PERIOD UP TO SUNDAY NIGHT THE AMERICAN FORCES KILLED FIFTEEN HUNDRED JAPS - - THAT MANY KNOWN CASUALTIES. NO DOUBT THERE ARE MANY OTHERS ABOUT WHICH WE DONT KNOW. THE JAPS CLAIM TO HAVE HAD THREE THOUSAND SOLDIERS ON THE ISLAND - - AND THE FIFTEEN HUNDRED FIGURE WOULD REPRESENT HALF OF THESE. JAPANESE PROPAGANDA HAS BEEN SAYING THAT ALL THREE THOUSAND HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT - - SOME QUEER QUIRK OF MENTALITY MAKING THE JAPS TALK LOUDLY ABOUT THE KILLING OF THEIR SOLDIERS.

TODAY'S NAVY COMMUNIQUE ALSO GIVES A FIGURE FOR PRISONERS. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD HERE-TO-FORE THAT NO JAPANESE CAPTIVES HAVE BEEN TAKEN - - AND THAT'S PRETTY NEARLY RIGHT. FOR THE NAVY ANNOUNCES THAT OUR TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED JUST FOUR PRISONERS *on Attu.*

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ATTU SHEET 2

MOPPING UP OPERATIONS ARE STILL GOING ON, SAYS THE  
 NAVY. WHAT JAPS ARE LEFT ARE MERE PARTIES OF GUERRILLAS  
 THAT HAVE BEEN DRIVEN UP INTO THE ROCKY HILLS - - ★  
 NIGHTMARE OF CRAGS AND FOG NEAR SARANAPASS. THE HEIGHTS  
 ARE STILL FROSTY WITH WINTER, NO GRASS NOR ANY GREEN THING,  
 NO RUNNING STREAMS; ONLY STONE, SNOW AND ICE. THERE THE  
 JAPS HAVE FOX HOLES AND TRENCHES, AND HAVE TO BE BLASTED OUT.)

IN THIS WORK THE NUMBER ONE WEAPON FOR OUR SOLDIERS IS  
 MORTAR FIRE - - THE LOBBING OF HIGH-ANGLE SHELLS INTO THE  
 ENEMY POSITION. THUS THE JAPS ARE FORCED HIGHER UP ON THE  
 SLOPES OF THE WEIRD MOUNTAINS, WHERE THE SNOW IS DEEPER,  
 AND WHERE THE BILLLOWING CLOUDS OF FOG ARE THICKER.

THE REMAINING JAP RESISTANCE IS ONE OF SNIPING AND  
 MACHINE-GUNNING - - AND WE HEAR ONE ODD DETAIL. AS THE  
 AMERICAN TROOPS SKIRIMISH UP THE WEIRD AND CRAGGY SLOPES,  
 THE JAPS AIM MOSTLY AT THEIR FEET AT LEGS, TRYING TO WOUND

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AND CRIPPLE RATHER THAN KILL. THEY SEEM TO DO THIS DELIBERATELY  
ON THE THEORY THAT DISABLED MEN HAVE TO BE TAKEN CARE OF,  
REQUIRING STRETCHER BEARERS TO CARRY THEM BACK. THAT KEEPS  
NUMBERS OF OUR MEN BUSY LOOKING AFTER THE WOUNDED, - - AND  
DECREASES THE NUMBER OF EFFECTIVE FIGHTERS. SUCH APPEARS TO  
BE THE JAP THEORY AS THEY AIM AT FEET AND LEGS.

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## RUSSIA

VIOLENT FIGHTING CONTINUES ALONG THE REMAINING LINE THE  
 GERMANS HOLD IN THE RUSSIAN CAUCASUS - - THE KUBAN BRIDGEHEAD.  
 THE BATTLE IS HEAVIEST AT THE POINT NORTHEAST OF NOROVOSISK.  
 LONDON HAS INDICATIONS THAT THE RED ARMY HAS DRIVE<sup>n</sup> FORWARD  
 FOR LARGE GAINS - - IN ITS EFFORT TO EXPEL THE NAZIS FROM THE  
 LAST BIT OF LAND THEY HOLD IN THE CAUCASUS.

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## MEDITERRANEAN-

WARSHIPS ARE JOINING THE WAR PLANES IN BATTERING THE ISLAND OF PANTELLERIA- - THE ROCKY FORTRESS THAT COMMANDS THE STRAIT BETWEEN SICILY AND NORTH AFRICA. NEWS FROM ALLIED HEADQUARTERS TELLS US THAT THERE HAVE BEEN TWO NAVAL ATTACKS IN THE LAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, WITH SQUADRONS OF BRITISH WARSHIPS POURING A DELUGE OF SHELLS INTO THE DEFENSES OF THE STRONGHOLD.

THE NAVAL UNITS HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION FROM THE GUNS OF THE ISLAND, THOUGH PANTELLERIA IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ELABORATELY FORTIFIED. THE IMPLICATION IS THAT THE DEFENSES HAVE BEEN WEAKENED, IF NOT PUT OUT OF COMMISSION, BY LONG-CONTINUED BOMBING FROM THE AIR.

PANTELLERIA HAS BEEN BATTERED DAY AFTER DAY BY GENERAL Doolittle's Bombers, and these seem to have done their work well.

~~AXIS AIR OPPOSITION IS EQUALLY WEAK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.~~

~~OUR PLANES HAVE GONE RAIDING AS USUAL, HITTING AT TARGETS.~~

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~~LOWELL THOMAS~~

~~PETERSBURG VIR~~

~~HOWARD~~

THE NOTED BRITISH ACTOR, LESLIE HOWARD, WAS RETURNING TO LONDON TO COMPLETE A NEW FILM CALLED "THE LAMP STILL BURNS." THERE IS TRAGIC IRONY IN THAT, BECAUSE LESLIE HOWARD HAS BEEN LOST IN A TRANSPORT PLANE; SHOT DOWN AT SEA. HE TOOK OFF FROM LISBON FOR ENGLAND, AN EIGHT-HOUR FLIGHT. THE PLANE FAILED TO APPEAR AT ITS DESTINATION, AND THE NAZIS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAD SHOT DOWN AN ALLIED TRANSPORT PLANE OVER THE ATLANTIC - - PRESUMABLY THE ONE IN WHICH LESLIE HOWARD WAS A PASSENGER. SO THE LAMP OF THIS HIGH TALENT <sup>of stage and screen</sup> ~~OF MOTION PICTURES~~ IS NOT STILL BURNING.

THE AIRLINE BETWEEN LONDON AND LISBON OPERATES WITH AS MUCH SECRECY AS CAN BE HAD, BUT NOT MUCH CONCEALMENT IS POSSIBLE ON THE LISBON SIDE - - PORTUGAL BEING NEUTRAL

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*Howard* - AP1 SHEET 2

IN THE WAR. THE SAME AIRPORT IS USED BY ALLIED PASSENGER  
TRANSPORTS FROM LONDON AND BY NAZI PLANES THAT FLY THE  
AIRWAYS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND GERMANY. OFTEN ALLIED AND  
NAZI PLANES ARE LINED UP WITHIN A FEW YARDS OF EACH OTHER  
AND THE SAME BUILDING CONTAINS THE OFFICES OF BOTH THE  
ALLIED AND GERMAN AIRLINE COMPANIES. SO EACH SIDE KNOWS  
ALL ABOUT THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF EACH OTHERS PLANES.

IT HAS BEEN RUMORED FROM TIME TO TIME THAT THE BRITISH  
AND GERMANS HAVE AN UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT PROTECTING THEIR  
RESPECTIVE PLANES USING THE LISBON AIRPORT, A TACIT  
ARRANGEMENT THAT NEITHER WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE OTHERS  
AIR SERVICE. ~~THESE REPORTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OFFICIALLY  
DENIED, AND NOW WE HAVE THE WORD OF THE SHOOTING DOWN OF  
AN ALLIED TRANSPORT THAT HAD TAKEN OFF FROM LISBON WITH  
LESLIE HOWARD ABOARD.~~

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AP2

DR DAFNE.

*we hear of*  
TODAY ~~WITNESS~~ THE DEATH OF THE DOCTOR WHO WAS THE  
PHYSICIAN AT THE MOST FAMOUS OF BIRTHS- - DR ALAN ROY DAFNE,  
RENOWNED FOR THE DIONNE QUINTUPLETS.

IT WAS A FEW DAYS MORE THAN NINE YEARS AGO THAT THE  
COUNTRY DOCTOR WAS CALLED AT NIGHT TO WHAT HE THOUGH<sup>T</sup> WOULD  
BE JUST ANOTHER CASE- - BUT IT WAS QUINTUPLETS. ACCORDING  
TO ALL MEDICAL EXPERIENCE FIVE AT ONE BIRTH WOULD NOT  
SURVIVE, BUT DR DAFNE PERFORMED THE SEEMING MIRACLE OF KEEPING  
THE DIONNE SISTERS ALIVE. AND TODAY THEY ARE HEALTHY, LIVELY  
NINE-YEAR-OLD YOUNGSTERS.

THE QUINTS MADE DR DAFNE A WORLD FIGURE. HE LECTURED  
FAR AND WIDE, AND HIS LIFE WAS PORTRAYED IN A MOTION PICTURE  
FEATURE. HE HAD TROUBLE WITH THE DIONNE PARENTS, AND LAST  
YEAR RESIGNED AS THE PHYSICIAN OF THE QUINTUPLETS. RECENTLY  
HE CONTRACTED PNEUMONIA AND TODAY- THE DEATH OF THE DOCTOR

WHO WAS THE PHYSICIAN AT THE MOST FAMOUS OF BIRTHS. *And a more  
delightful, whimsical and gracious soul he was.*

*all of us who knew him had a great affection for him.*

Your son may have been trained here at Camp Lee, or he may be coming here. So I'll tell you just a little about it. It's really a large city, of tens and tens of thousands of men--and some WAC. But not enough to go 'round.

Camp Lee is the home of the fighting quartermasters. And they are entitled to be called that, because in this war panzer tactics and raids from the air bring the center of battle to where the quartermasters are--or generally does. So these men are trained to be soldiers first and quartermasters second.

After their basic military training, they are taught one or more of the 117 trades in which there are classes here--motor transport, supply, handling of food and clothing and weapons, and the whole vast problem of supply. Here they become specialists--and in addition to the arts of war they learn things that will be useful to them when this

war is over.

And judging from a story in the Camp Lee Newspaper they are a lot better paid then those in the German Army. The Lee Traveller says that a Colonel--General--and that's next to a Field Marshal--in Hitler's army, get's ~~more~~ \$2 a month less than a U.S. corporal who goes out from Camp Lee.

But many a corporal here at Lee would be willing to have twobucks cut from his salary if he could put two stars on his shoulders.

When I arrived at Camp Lee today I was met by two of General Edwards staff officers, and they expressed surprise that the train was on time. The emergency strain on the railroads in this part of the world has been so great that they said they considered any train on time that was less than 48 hours behind schedule. Said one Captain, and Irishman from up North: "Why the trains are so far behind these days that last week a trainload of Con

Confederate soldiers passed through here on their way to Gettysburg!

Hugh can you cap that? And so long until tomorrow.