

ADD JAPAN.

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Sunoco.

Admiral Nimitz, by way of commemorating the Pearl Harbor attack, ^{tells} ~~told~~ us today that all the six Jap aircraft carriers which attacked on December Seventh, Nineteen Forty-One, are now at the bottom of the sea. Four of them our Navy sank in the Battle of Midway, June, Nineteen Forty-Two. After a ceaseless hunt, our fleet caught another one of those carriers in the first Battle of the Philippines in June of this year and sent her to the bottom. That left one, which was the pride of the Japanese Navy and more elusive than the rest. It took Nimitz's men three years to find her. Finally they caught her, on the Twenty-Fifth of October, just six weeks ago, northeast of Luzon. And, added the Admiral, "the sea is three miles deep where she lies." Nimitz then used these words: "That has laid the last ghost of Japanese glory stolen at Pearl Harbor."

He also
~~Then he~~

added that most of our so-called ghost fleet which our enemy said they had sunk or damaged at Pearl Harbor beyond hopes of repair, is today restored, recommissioned and fighting.

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While the main formation of superforts
was bombing Mukden a couple of ~~mx29x~~ B-29 pilots
were on a reconnaissance flight over Tokyo --
just to improve the occasion, they dropped their
bombs on the Mikado's capital for good measure.

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CHINA

The Japanese have come one step closer to their objective of knocking China out of the war. Chungking today admitted that the enemy had captured Tuyun. That is less than fifty miles away from Kweiyang, which is the capital of ~~an entire~~ province and the strategic hub of all transportation in southwestern China.

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QUAKE

Somewhere on this planet there has been a violent earthquake and there is hope that it may have ~~happened~~ happened in Japan. Instruments in the observatory at Bromwich, in the English Midlands, recorded a terrific shock and powerful tremors which lasted for six hours. According to those delicate gadgets, the center of the shock was five thousand, five hundred and eighty miles ~~away~~ from London, [—] possibly Japan, the Kuriles, ^{— or over} ~~or the~~ ^{own} Aleutians.

Earthquake experts at Georgetown University also observed signs of a great agitation of the earth somewhere. Father Sohon, Director of the observatory, likewise believed that it might possibly be in Japan. But he ~~also~~ pointed out that there is a lot of water in that part of the world and the quake may have happened in the middle of the ocean, near Japan. ~~If it~~ happened in a populated district, it ^{undoubtedly} ~~was~~ destroyed

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Doctor Beno Gutenberg of the California
institute of Technology seems inclined to agree
that the earthquake was in the general region of
Southern Japan. But, he declined to say specifically
that the shock occurred on land or at sea. Dr.
Gutenberg says that wherever it was, the quake was
more powerful than the famous cataclysm of Nineteen
Six at San Francisco.

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MacARTHUR

General MacArthur celebrated Pearl Harbor Day by a new strategic operation, which caught the Japanese on Leyte completely by surprise. He made an amphibious attack, landing troops in force in Ormoc Bay. They caught the enemy so by surprise, that resistance was nothing to speak of and the Yank divisions were quickly on the march northward behind the Japanese lines from the point where they landed.

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~~A couple of our superfort pilots, on a recent flight over Tokyo dropped their bombs on the Mikado's capital while the other planes were attacking Mukden.~~

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Oh yes, and
~~It is cheery to hear that~~ one of the pilots, ~~who destroyed~~ *putting down* that Jap convoy west of Leyte was the ~~spectacular~~ *redoubtable* Major Richard Bong of Poplar, Wisconsin, ~~who~~ *more Jap* shot down two ~~enemy~~ planes, and that ~~raises~~ *running up* his score to thirty-eight.

Also, today Washington informs us ~~that~~ *tonight* his country has awarded ~~to~~ *that* Major Bong ~~the highest~~ *with* decoration a man can have, the Congressional Medal of Honor. The citation reads: ~~that he~~ *won it for* ~~conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action~~

for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action ~~in~~ above and beyond the call of duty in the southwest Pacific area, October tenth ~~to~~ *to* November fifteenth, Nineteen Forty-Four.

PHILIPPINES

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WASHINGTON, DEC 7--(UP)--THE WAR DEPARTMENT DISCLOSED TONIGHT THAT THE NATION'S HIGHEST DECORATION---THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR-- HAS BEEN AWARDED TO MAJ. RICHARD I. BONG OF POPLAR, WIS., WHOSE RECORD OF 38 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN IN THIS WAR MAKES HIM THE TOP AMERICAN AIR ACE OF ALL TIME.

BONG SCORED HIS LATEST AIR VICTORIES THURSDAY, SHOOTING DOWN TWO JAPANESE PLANES WEST OF LEYTE.

THE COVETED AWARD WAS BESTOWED UPON HIM BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH SERVING AS A GUNNERY INSTRUCTOR, HE VOLUNTEERED FOR A SERIES OF COMBAT MISSIONS IN THE PACIFIC AND SHOT DOWN EIGHT JAPANESE PLANES.

THE CITATION SAID:

"FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY IN ACTION ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA, OCT. 10 TO NOV. 15, 1944.

"THOUGH ASSIGNED TO DUTY AS GUNNERY INSTRUCTOR AND NEITHER REQUIRED NOR EXPECTED TO PERFORM COMBAT DUTY, MAJ. BONG VOLUNTARILY AND AT HIS OWN URGENT REQUEST ENGAGED IN REPEATED COMBAT MISSIONS, INCLUDING UNUSUALLY HAZARDOUS SORTIES OVER BALIKPAPAN, BORNEO, AND IN THE LEYTE AREA OF THE PHILIPPINES.

"HIS AGGRESSIVENESS AND DARING RESULTED IN HIS SHOOTING DOWN EIGHT ENEMY AIRPLANES DURING THIS PERIOD."

PHILIPPINES

The House of Representatives today had a distinguished and gallant visitor, Brigadier General Carlos Romulo, Resident Commissioner of the Philippines to the United States. Upon his return today from Leyte, Romulo told the Representatives that, in spite of the tragedies at Bataan and Corregidor, we have been maintaining constant and practical communication with Filipino guerrillas ever since the capitulation at Bataan. We've even supplied them with clothing and munitions. American submarines have landed radio sets, cigarettes, and chewing gum. Romulo said this - the chewing gum - irritated the Japanese to such an extent that they announced that anybody caught with a stick of chewing gum would be executed.

He added the information that the Filipinos were kept fully informed of General MacArthur's plans

and were ready with active help. General Romulo is particularly proud of the fact that the reestablishment of civil government on Philippine soil has been effected with great order and calm, as compared with the disorders, riots and even civil war in the liberated European countries.

~~For your personal information, Romulo will be in New York Sat. and Sun., at the Waldorf.~~

By the way

~~Another thing to think you may be interested in is that tonight is New York City. The American Club of Tokyo needs a number of tickets at the Pearl Harbor Dinner. 200 former Tokyo members of the American Club. At George Washington Hotel. Be that you might be interested to attend. But I heard you have a rehearsal. (He and Mrs. Young will go)~~

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MR. THOMAS:

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~~James Young phoned some further details about Romulo.~~ He still has a patch on his jaw. On Thanksgiving night you reported he had been injured in battle. As a consequence he received 239 cables. They were sent to him at Leyte, but, as there is no telegraph service there, they went to Brisbane, and thence by air mail to San Francisco. They were addressed "Colonel," "General" or just Romulo.

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WESTERN FRONT

In the valley of the Saar, Patton's Yanks driving straight for one of the principal coal mining centers of that district, were also aiming for a vital sector of the Siegfried Line. And that was happening when the Germans chose the same moment to throw a strong infantry counter-attack at the American line southeast of Saarbrucken; backed by armor -- at least forty tanks.

After they had lost at least ten tanks, the Germans gave way. And then one of our tank divisions, under Major General Woods, plunged ahead, cleared out the entire forest of Montbronn, advanced four miles, and captured the town of Montbronn thirteen miles southeast of Sarreguemines.

As for the city of Saarbrucken, tonight it's in flames, with Patton's men only three miles away. Already they have shut the Germans off from their ^{big} coal mines.

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General Patch and his Seventh Army have captured another sizeable town, and have advanced seven

HERO

With the Forty-fifth Division on the Western Front, is a private from Pittsburgh, one George Kaminsky, whose job is that of carrying ammunition to the front lines. The other day George was left alone, on guard at an outpost that his commanding officer thought safe from attack. But it so happened that the Nazis picked that identical spot as the focal point for a counter-attack at dawn.

Private Kaminsky, luckily, was on the alert. And, he turned his machine gun on those Germans. Some took cover, and others kept right on coming. So George, using his left hand to hold down the trigger of the machine gun, started throwing grenades with his right, pulling the pins with his teeth. Quite a trick that!

Well, he knocked the Krauts back on their heels. He made them retreat. But, presently they came back ~~wixhx~~ at this Yank strong point. What did George do? Well, he wisely fell back on an American tank, for support. This time using the tank for a fortress, he and the tank crew held off the German attack until

the main shock troops of the American division
arrived on the scene.

RUSSIA

At Budapest, one Red Army now has isolated Pest, the eastern half of that double city on the banks of the Danube. At the same time, another army of the Ukraine has pushed the Germans in front of them for eight miles along the west bank of the Danube and is approaching the Hungarian capital from the south and only twenty-two miles away.

The two Soviet armies between them include about a million men; closing in on Budapest on the south, east, and Northeast. With still other ~~Ed~~ Red forces ^{now} only forty miles from the Austrian frontier.

The Russians say they have captured sixty more places between the Danube and the northeastern end of Lake Balaton.

GREECE

In Greece, the British today were using warships as well as artillery and planes to fight the discontented Elás Greeks. For a while the heaviest fighting was on the hill where the Greeks of twenty-five hundred years ago sentenced Socrates to death. Spitfires and Beaufighters of the Royal Air Force strafed the Greeks on the hill, ~~with their cannon.~~ At the same time, British ground troops raked ^{it} ~~the hill~~ with heavy cannon, machine guns, mortars and grenades.

Premier Papandreou begged for the sympathy of all the Allies and their help against the menace of civil war.

~~Some of the Royal Air Force fighters were flying and firing at rooftop level.~~

MANPOWER

today
Congress took a scolding from Production Chief

~~J. A.~~ Krug. He said the shortage of manpower and the lag in production should be blamed on the lawmakers,

because
for they refused to pass a national service act with teeth in it.

And, he added that it 'is too late now. *That* ^{*the*} only way

now to keep war plant workers on the job is to enforce more strictly the regulation by which no man may take a job without having a certificate of availability from his previous employer.

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While Krug was telling that ^{*is*} War Under-Secretary

Patterson announced that munition plants in November had produced ammunition for the big cannon, according to schedule, for the first time in many months. XXXXXXXXXX

Over-all production, he added, is behind.

SEDITION

After seven months of wrangling in court, after all that expense to the taxpayers, the mass prosecution for sedition in Washington was pronounced a mistrial.

After the death of Judge Eicher, which ^{some} many people say was ^{hastened} caused by the unruly conduct of the defense lawyers, only one of the defendants was willing to continue the case under another judge. So the jurors were discharged, under orders not to speak to anybody about the case.

Their complaints were: improper medical care, no religious services, discrimination against some prisoners in the matter of pay. Certain of these prisoners object to being in the same cell block with Negroes. All of them object to being quartered with Nazi saboteurs and spies and having to listen to the Nazis rave about Hitler and run down America. And now they have something in prison of something. This put in end to their strike, the men gave up today, as they had promised. Attorney General E.A. Tamm ordered them into solitary confinement. He announced they will be tried and severely punished.

PRISON

The rebellious inmates of the Atlanta Penitentiary got their wish today. A column in the Atlanta Journal printed ^{ing} a list of their grievances. Morgan Blake, the school teacher newspaperman who wrote the column, handed them a copy of the paper to show his good faith. You may remember that they agreed to surrender and give up their hostages as soon as they saw their case in print.

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^{1/2} negroes. All ~~of them~~ object to being quartered with Nazi saboteurs and spies and having to listen to the Nazis ~~as~~

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CANADA

The dispute between Cecil DeWille and Prime Minister MacKenzie King won a parliamentary skirmish at Ottawa today. There was an amendment before the House providing that the government must send overseas only voluntary recruits, not conscripted men. DeWille's broadcasts until December fifteenth. The House defeated that amendment by a vote of a hundred and sixty-eight to forty-three. On that day, the union still have to show cause why the injunction shall not be made permanent.

DeWille has received offers from all over the country from fans who want to pay his one dollar assessment. Naturally, he declined with thanks because it is not the dollar that troubles him. It need hardly be added that the old Maestro of the filer is not hard up for a dollar. He is probably one of the richest men in Southern California. He just does not want to be assessed by a union.

DEMILLE

The dispute between Cecil DeMille and the radio artists union reached the courts today.

~~His~~ ^{Milles} ~~lawyer~~ lawyer obtained an injunction from a superior judge at Hollywood forbidding the American Federation of Radio Artists ~~to~~ ^{from} interfere ~~with~~ ^{with} DeMille's broadcasts until December fifteenth.

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DORSEY

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So the Dorsey trial is over. With its charges and countercharges, it has hardly ever reached the level of legal dignity and serious consideration. After the last exploits of the ~~xxxx~~ young man from Panama the Judge granted the motion of the prosecutor to dismiss the charges against the ~~xxxx~~ ^{Dorsey} his wife and his gambling two-fisted ~~friend~~ ^{neighbor}.

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The Judge did ⁿot spare the young man from Panama. He described him as a "fabulous, fanciful, fabricator of falsehoods". Evidently the judge is addicted to alliteration. Then he went on to call him a "perjurer pure and simple". After the trial, the law took hold of the lad from Panama and booked him at the ~~xxxx~~ ^{county} jail on a charge of suspicion of perjury.

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know H — something perhaps fabulous, but not fanciful from you.

NISEA

It is a pleasure to learn that no finer soldierly qualities have been shown by any branch of the Army of the United States than the Americans of Japanese parents in the European theatre of war. We have this on the word of an American general officer, Major General John E. Dahlquist, commander of the Thirty-Sixth Division. There was a ceremony in France today, in which the Four hundred and forty-second Regiment was publicly honored with a citation.

Maybe you will remember the battalion ^{that} ~~which~~ was lost last October, during the fiercest fighting in the forest of Huertgen. It was the Four hundred and forty-second, composed of Nisea, Americans of Japanese birth, ~~whih~~ rescued that 'lost battalion.' General Dahlquist decorated twenty-nine of those fighters. Eight others, who perished in action, received posthumous decorations. And Dahlquist said to the

Four hundred and forty-second: "Your fighting has been superb. It has been bitter and hard, even heart-rending. You had to fight through some of the most difficult terrain in the world, but you took every one of your objectives." To which he added: "Your determination and your courage are inspiring."

miles through the foothills of the northern Vosges Mountains to within four^{miles} of an ancient fortress at the border of the Palatinate. And on the lower Alsace plain, the Seventh pushed ahead for two miles and captured a town five miles from Colmar, referred to as the last big German stronghold on the upper Rhine.

Then, the U.S. First Army, driving through a maze of barbed wire, made a junction with the Ninth Army at the Roer River. They report that the Germans are working at top speed, building great fortifications on the east side of that river.

TAX

It looks more and more possible that there will be no increase in the Social Security payroll tax, ~~at least~~. As you have heard, the House froze the payroll taxes at the present rate by a huge majority on Tuesday. Today the Finance Committee of the Senate followed suit, recommending that the Senate ^{likewise} approve the bill, ~~also~~. The vote in Committee was thirteen to two.

buildings on a huge scale.

Father Lynch, the distinguished seismologist of Fordham University, said definitely he thought the center of the earthquake was in southwestern Japan.