

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here's the latest official communication from French General headquarters; Communiqué#6. (The vanguard of the French troops is now advancing beyond the German frontier. In its curt, vague fashion, the French headquarters' report goes on to say that the French advance is meeting resistance at all points.) Resistance by German automatic arms, meaning machine guns, field guns, and mobile campaign units.

French newspapers expand on this official information with considerable freedom. They say the French armies have penetrated into the Valley of the Saar, the rich industrial mining region so coveted by both sides.

The French newspaper reports also claim that three hundred British and French airplanes have made a raid on the industrial territory in the Rhineland. The Ruhr Valley, crammed with the mighty German steel and munitions factories, is only one hour's flight

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from the Saar. Brief -- but it's as much as can be actually known about the fighting on the Western Front.

WAR

(Tonight the German armies are closing in on Warsaw from four directions. They captured Krakow, fifth largest city in Poland, almost without firing a shot.) In fact the German headquarters report states definitely that no resistance was offered, there was not even an attempt to destroy the bridges over the Vistula.

Having occupied Krakow, Hitler's motor units made a quick dash past the city to a point thirty miles on north of Krakow.

(From still another direction, a German army was pressing towards the big industrial city of Lodz. Another field gray contingent occupied Bromberg and Kielce, sixty miles south of Warsaw. Still a fourth, is thirty-one miles northwest of their sweeping down from East Prussia.

And all this is confirmed by Polish reports. The defenders of the unhappy country are feverishly digging in along the line of the Bug River; not more than ten miles from Warsaw.) The plight of the Warsawians became all the more acute because their members were swollen by thousands of refugees from Lodz. But most of them stayed only long enough to get gasoline for their cars and continue their flight eastwards.

A Polish broadcast admits that the German invaders at one end of the line had reached a city only forty-four miles away from Warsaw. At another point only thirty-one miles away. And the German advance from the northwest is on a line twenty-two miles long.

The Polish claim is that the armies of the defenders have been executing a strategic retreat, falling back according to plan, upon fortified positions. The plan, they say, is to compel the Germans to extend their lines of communications.

WESTERPLATTE

(The most romantic episode of the war so far is the prolonged seige of that tiny little Polish garrison in that fortress outside Danzig.) It is not known even yet exactly how many ^{men are} there: ~~are~~ ~~There are~~ Somewhere between seventy and two hundred. But (it is said ~~that~~ they have enough ammunition, food and water to hold out for four weeks provided they can stand the continuous bombardment by land, sea and air. In Danzig harbor lies a German naval ship, blazing away at ~~the~~ ^{the} little fortress. On one day alone, twenty-two German bombers tried to blast it out of existence. So far all this has failed to shake ~~the~~ ^{the} tiny ~~little~~ garrison.)

It calls to mind the seige of the Alcazar in Toledo during the early days of the Spanish Civil War. ~~after~~ ^{After} After each bombardment of the ^{Polish} fortress, there ^{has been} ~~was~~ an attack by German infantry. But the Polish defenders ^{have handled} ~~had faced~~ their machine guns so cannily that the German ^{s faced a} ~~doughboys found themselves mowed down~~ ~~by~~ a withering fire) that seemed to come from every point of the compass. Some people think that the Polish defenders have dug themselves a network of underground defenses, ~~somewhat after the~~

ROME

There were strange sights on the banks of Father Tiber today. Old Rome, the Eternal City, presented a picture that recalled the days of good King Humbert rather than those of Victor Emanuel. This was because the restrictions imposed by the Mussolini government upon private motor cars went into effect. So the Nineteen Thirty-Nine residents of the City on the Seven Hills found themselves going about their business in the same fashion as those of the Eighteen Nineties. Bicycles ^{(and} hacks drawn by horses, ~~took the~~ ⁱⁿ place of ~~motor~~ taxis and private ~~limousines~~ ^{cars.} Trolleys and buses were running, ~~to be sure,~~ ^{But} Taxicabs ~~were~~ ^{are now} limited to less than three gallons of gasoline a day. So the Romans got a taste of what life was like in the days when the saintly looking Leo the Thirteenth was Pope.

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DOG FIGHT

During ~~maxim~~ the last war, practically all the dog fights in the air took place over French or Belgian territory. Today, the first one in this war, was fought over English soil. A squadron of twenty German raiders was flying towards London. They passed near the seaside resort of Southend.

An eye-witness, ^{gazing}~~looking~~ from his bedroom window through his field-glasses, described the planes as looking like razor blades. They were attacked, he said, by a fierce ground fire which broke around them like a ~~maxim~~ ball of flame. While anti-aircraft guns were bombarding the German flyers, a squad of English pursuit ships, called spitfires, swooped down upon them.

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BATTLESHIP

Word of an air attack comes by way of a radio broadcast heard in Switzerland. A squad of British airplane raiders are supposed to have delivered another attack on the western entrance to the Kiel Canal and destroyed one of Hitler's famous pocket battleships. However, this report is vague, and totally without confirmation, even from London.

ESBJERG

We now know all about the mysterious bombs that fell on Danish territory. They were dropped not by a German but by a British airplane, and today the British Government was most vigorously apologizing. A German ~~pursuit~~ pursuit plane was trying to engage a British bomber in a dog fight. The pilot of the British plane maneuvered himself into position over the German and thought that underneath them both was open water. So he aimed two bombs at the German ship. And we now know, he was unfortunately not over the water, but over Danish territory, and two people were killed.

MASKS

There was a wedding in London today, the first fashionable nuptials since the declaration of war. The names of neither the bride nor the groom mean anything over here. I mention the affair only because it is announced that every guest carried a gas mask. But - and this seems to be the most interesting part of it - the bride and the groom laid their masks aside as they approached the altar. *He didn't wear one when he kissed her.*

DEFENSE SECRETS

Quite a sensation was sprung in the Parliament of northern Ireland. It brought to light the fact that although Britain and Germany are at war, there is still a German envoy in Dublin. A member of Parliament from Belfast declared in the *Ulster* House of Commons that the German legation in Dublin is becoming an intelligence station for the German army. The German Minister to Dublin has been gathering information about British plans for defense, and transmitting them to Berlin, facts about air raid protection and similar matters. The member from Belfast protested against the existence of the German Minister to Dublin when most of the empire is at war.

But apparently his protest did not get anywhere.

Lord Craigavon, Prime Minister of northern Ireland, replied that the government was fully aware ^{of what} ~~is~~ the German Minister in Dublin was supposed to be up to.

CANADA

The Jews in Canada are anxious to get into the war. The government has received a request from a member of a veterans' organization, known as the Jewish Legionnaires of Montreal. This man has asked permission to organize a legion of Jewish ex-soldiers evidently composed of men who served overseas in the last war. Ian MacKenzie, the Defense Minister of the Dominion, reports that there have been proposals of a similar nature from other cities.

ATHENIA

(The death list from the ATHENIA disaster is now given as possibly one hundred and twenty-five. So announced in the House of Commons today by Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty.)

The survivors from the ATHENIA have added to the tribulations and hard labor of the American Embassy in London. They have swollen the list of the five thousand Americans waiting in London to get home. Some of them are without money. The Embassy staff has sent hundreds of them out into the country to wait there until ships can be procured. Our London Embassy has even tried to charter a fleet of Norwegian whaling vessels.

Probably the luckiest of the survivors from the ATHENIA are the two hundred and sixteen people who were picked up by the American freighter, CITY OF FLINT. For this ship is on her way to the United States and Uncle Sam's Coast Guard vessels are going to meet her at sea and take off such of the passengers as are injured.

TREATY

As might have been expected, all treaties limiting the size of navies, guns, or warships go by the board at such a time.

The State Department ⁱⁿ of Washington received notice today from Downing Street ^{in which} Great Britain officially denounces the London Naval Treaty of Nineteen Thirty-Six and all other similar agreements. Uncle Sam was one of the signers of that Nineteen Thirty-Six treaty.

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PATROL

The entire eastern coastline of the United States is now being carefully and methodically patrolled. This is done by direct order of the President, who gave instructions that it should be done by destroyers, coast guard vessels, and airplanes. The patrolling craft will cover the Atlantic, from the waters around Puerto Rico to the extreme northeast. Since the World War, a hundred and sixteen destroyers of Uncle Sam's Navy were laid up, in dead storage. They will be put into commission again and used for this patrol. ^{And} They will go as far as two hundred miles out to sea.

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nearby. Thereby the government will prevent any mistake of identity resulting in damage to an American ship.

CANAL

A later dispatch from Washington! President Roosevelt has just placed the Panama Canal under full Military control. Normally the zone is under dual rule; part civil, part military. But today Secretary of War Woodring asked the President to issue the order to protect the security of the canal during the period of international tension.

MURPHY

Here's a message to everybody, from Frank Murphy,
Attorney General of the United States. If you observe any action
that you suspect of being the work of a spy report it immediately.
The place to notify is the nearest office of the F. B. I, the
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

MARKETS

Something happened today in the markets of the world that has a meaning for everybody, housewives, children and all. It was the continued jump in the price of commodities, food commodities. In every important center of trading, prices went up to the limit of what was permitted by the regulations. For instance, wheat at Winnipeg and Chicago; hogs on the Chicago market, meaning a high cost for pork and ham in the future. Sugar went up the limit for the third day in succession, likewise cocoa.

The meaning is obvious. The first sour consequence to us of the war in Europe will be a big jump in the cost of living, heavy bills at the grocers and the butchers.

Dunn and Bradstreet report a rise of sixteen cents in the food index of America.

DIES

Earl Browder, Secretary-General of the American Communist Party, ^{today} did some more testifying before the Dies Committee.

He said that any Communist who criticizes the treaty between Hitler and Stalin gets hoofed out of the party. And he explained that ^{such criticism} ~~he~~ would demonstrate a most serious lack of understanding of political considerations. He added that the ~~National~~ Communists of America have been helped by the Nazi-Soviet pact which is good for the party and good for the United States.)

Browder then admitted that the Communist Party ^{here} ~~of the~~ ^{of Moscow} ~~United States~~ is bound up with the Comintern and that it is necessary for American Communists to agree with the decisions of the Comintern. Someone then asked him, "Doesn't that mean that the Comintern rules American Communists." Browder said "No."

He was then asked a trick question:- In case of war between Uncle Sam and the Soviet Union, which would he support. Browder ~~realized~~ wriggled a bit and ~~then~~ replied that such an unhappy state of affairs could only come about if the Soviet were in the control of the Trotskyites. If such a thing happened, he said, he would favor a war against Russia. He also said that if the

United States opposed what he called "the peace policy of the Soviet Union," he would agitate against the United States, taking any part in the war.

TENNIS

Here's something to interest the tennis fans. The victorious Australian players, the men who walked off with the Davis Cup this year, have received a reward from their countrymen. The reward was permission to remain in America until October Tenth. They were to have sailed for home next week to take up their military duties. But after their dramatic victory over our players, they were cabled permission to remain long enough to take part in the United States National Singles Championship.

ROOSEVELT

War or no war, President Roosevelt aims to take this weekend off. He is going to leave Washington Friday night, at his home, at Hyde Park. That is, providing nothing happens in Europe so serious as to demand his presence in Washington. In any event he'll be back at the White House Monday morning.