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WAR

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The war focus today was on the Crimea - that tremendously strategic peninsula <sup>which jets</sup> ~~that jets~~ down into the Black Sea. Berlin claims that German troops, having crashed through the narrow ~~land~~ strip of land that leads to the Crimea, are now sweeping forward in a broad offensive. They're threatening <sup>Sevastopol,</sup> ~~Istanbul,~~ the Number One naval base of the Soviet Black Sea fleet. So says Berlin, and the Soviets admit that the Nazi drive has battered its way through the Isthmus and is now attacking in the Crimea proper.

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The only other German advance reported today, was to the south of Moscow, where the blitz forces have made progress northward from the City of Orel. This might be aimed at the rear of Moscow from the south - if it keeps going. But the Red army defense in front of Moscow is strong and determined, and successful counter-attacks are claimed - with the recapture of a number of villages. The Soviets give us accounts of similar successful resistance and counter-attack in the Rostov area. The Nazis are described as being help up, stopped in their tracks in the immediate vicinity of the gateway to the Caucasus.

One Soviet bulletin gives us a simply staggering story. It claims that in occupied Russia, the Germans have executed three and a half million people.

In Britain, London was still buzzing with rumors about Lord Beaverbrook. Those suppositions <sup>are</sup> that he may retire from the Churchill cabinet. Beaverbrook is said to favor much more important aid to the Soviets than Britain is now giving. In this he is said to be opposed by other Cabinet members. There have been stories of Beaverbrook illness -- he is known to suffer from asthma, but the surmise is that the Minister of Supply has circulated these acute asthma stories himself -- as a kind of warning to the Churchill Cabinet that he may resign -- if his ideas of helping the Red Army are not carried out.

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The R.A.F. reports the most devastating kind of attacks against Nazi controlled harbors in Norway -- a blasting of docks and a sinking of ships. These blows are against Nazi sea bases from which they are sending war supplies to Finland - for the northern fighting. And the R.A.F. has been striking at Italy too -- with a violent bombing of places on the peninsula and air attacks against Italian centers in Libya.

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A fascinating rumor is spikd in London. There were persistent claims of somebody landing in England by parachute, somebody ~~is~~ called "an important personage." Another Hess affair --

that was the rumor -- maybe Goering this time. But an authoritative British source tonight tells us that there's nothing to the yarn, that it all grew out of a mishap to a British bomber. The big plane got into trouble and made a forced landing. Two members of the crew bailed out, and floated down. People saw the parachute landing and said:- "Ha! Another Hess!

## NEUTRALITY

The pro and con in the Neutrality debate continued today - and the Senate Chamber was empty of Senators a large part of the time. Most of the lawmakers apparently were not so interested in the conflicting arguments. <sup>TP</sup> Once again, Senator Taft of Ohio took the lead for the anti-interventionists. His reasoning went as follows: He said that it was not necessary to send American merchant vessels into the combat zones - not necessary for the working of the Lend-Lease Act. He declared that Great Britain has twenty-five million tons of shipping and this nation has only four or five million tons. Therefore, he contended, the British could handle the shipping problem with their own many ships and that our comparatively few could be used in services outside ~~of~~ the war areas. <sup>TP Hence,</sup> ~~Therefore,~~ <sub>^</sub> there was no real reason to take out of the Neutrality Law the provision keeping American merchant vessels out of belligerent ports. So said the Ohio Senator, and he went on to reason as follows: <sup>TP</sup> "It is necessary to assume that the proposal is only for the purpose of creating international incidents which would bring us into war," said he.

On the other side of the argument, Senator Bailey of North Carolina took the lead. His reasoning was that if the Neutrality Law were changed, it would make us less likely to ~~keep~~ enter the European conflict. He said a strong policy was best to keep us out. Yielding to Hitler would be more apt to get us in "The United States doesn't have to get into war," said he. "But we've got to send our ships if it takes every battleship we have."

Senator Thomas of Utah contributed the reflection that, in the case of the last war, the Senate opposition to arming American vessels helped to get us in. The Kaiser might have yielded, he argued, but congressional opposition to President Wilson persuaded the Germans that we were divided.

In the lower house of Congress, a resolution was entered proposing that the United States break diplomatic relations with Nazi Germany. The motion was made by Representative Emanuel Celler of New York, who called upon the President for a diplomatic break.

The settlement in the soft coal dispute is a temporary truce -- for fifteen days. The men are going back to work at once, while the government mediation board undertakes to work out an agreement between the union and the steel company. The C.I.O. demand is, of course, that closed shops shall be established in the captive coal mines owned by the steel corporation. If an agreement is not reached at the end of fifteen days -- the strike will be resumed.

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The earlier news today told of the successful termination of negotiations between John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers and Myron C. Taylor representing steel. They got together at the urgent demand of President Roosevelt. The first reports told merely that they agreed the strike should be called off while the mediation board had another chance. Later came an announcement that the union leaders had ordered the men back right away, and then we were told the specific detail that the truce was temporary - to last until November Fifteenth.

At the Plant of Air Associates, Bendix, New Jersey, there was a reversal of the usual order of things today. A line of



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pickets paraded around the factory working on important defense orders -- this in spite of the fact that the walk-out has finally been settled and strikers had been ordered to go back to work on the night shift tonight. So why the picketing? The answer is the demonstration was staged by non-striking workers who had been on the job all along. Eight hundred of them were protesting against the settlement, which jeopardized their jobs -- they claimed. So they started picketing -- the way the <sup>others - the</sup> strikers had been doing for weeks. The demonstration, however, did not last long. The latest word is -- the factory resumed <sup>ing</sup> full operation.

At Pittsburgh a picket line held up production at the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, an ace defense plant. Yet there was no strike -- no case of a walk-out. The picket line consisted of the C.I.O. steel workers Organizing Committee, who were staging a drive to collect back dues and recruit new members for the union. They stopped workers entering the plant and turned a lot of them back -- employees who could not produce paid-up union cards. So many were prevented from reporting to work at the usual time that sections of the steel plant had to shut down.

The labor racketeering trial of William Bioff and George

Browne was featured today by testimony that ~~a~~ motion picture executive <sup>S</sup> gave ~~two hundred thousand dollars' worth of stock to an investigator~~ <sup>bribe money to congressional aids,</sup>

~~employed by a congressional committee.~~ The witness was the defendant,

<sup>a</sup> Union ~~labor~~ Leader William Bioff, who is accused of extorting a

<sup>507</sup> hundred thousand <sup>507</sup> dollars from the motion picture industry, by

threatening to call strikes. His story all though has been that

he did handle large sums of money for ~~motion picture~~ <sup>Hollywood</sup> executives,

but it was done as a matter of friendship. The sensational account

today concerned a congressional investigation of the motion picture

industry several years ago. The committee ~~is~~ was headed by Congressman

Sabath of Illinois.

One of the investigators employed was Murray Garson,

and today Bioff testified that Motion Picture Executive Joseph

Schenck told him that he had bought two hundred thousand dollars of

motion picture stock for investigator Garson. And that Schenck

told Garson that he would eventually convert the stock into cash

for him. This testimony was accompanied by stinging attacks against the

veracity ~~of the~~ witness Bioff.

## CRASH

The tragic story of the airplane disaster early this morning is dramatized by an eye-witness account today. A man on the ground at Moorhead, <sup>Minnesota,</sup> ~~Indiana,~~ saw the big airliner plunge to earth, killing fourteen persons. Only one survivor - ~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> pilot. E. M. Gregory, Railroad Agricultural Agent, describes the crash of the plane in these words: "Flew itself right into the ground," He said the big airliner appeared circling over the prairie in no apparent trouble. Then it dipped and smashed into the earth, piling up in a ravine. The lone eye-witness ran across the field to the wreckage, which was bursting into flames.

"The pilot," he relates, "was just picking himself up when I got there. He told me how to help the passengers and explained how to find the cabin door." But it was no use. The wrecked plane was already a mass of flames.

## TEETH

Tonight science comes forth with another astonishing discovery. It concerns teeth, and it tells what may turn out to be a way to prevent the decay of teeth. There are indications of a possible method to rid the entire world of such things as cavities, toothache, fillings and bridgework. How is this marvel of tooth decay to be achieved? By distilling the essence of a county in Texas. An elixir of teeth consisting of a Texas County <sup>a</sup> in capsule.

This new and astonishing news was disclosed today at a convention of the American Dental Association at Houston, Texas. The tooth doctors were given a vision of a happy era, in which they wouldn't exist any more. No more bad teeth - hence, no more dentists. It must have sounded good to the assembled experts who grind your <sup>molars</sup> ~~jaws~~ and then send you a fat bill.

Dr. Edward Taylor, Dental Director of the Texas Health Department, told of a paradise of teeth, where nobody ever has a cavity or needs a filling. Where is this toothless heaven? <sup>I mean toothacheless heaven?</sup> It's Deaf Smith County, Texas. That's an odd name for a county, Deaf Smith.

It sounds as if the people down that way might all be hard of hearing to make up for the lack of ~~xxx~~ toothache. But not at all.

Deaf Smith is a hero of Texas history. He was a war scout ~~to~~ with

Sam Houston and other paladins in the Texas War of Independence, in which he lost the hearing of one ear. Hence, ~~So~~ a county was named after him - in the West Texas Panhandle -

those endless plains. Deaf Smith as they dubbed him.

The story was related today how years ago Dr. George who wasn't deaf and heard the call to go west, Heard, an Alabama dentist, migrated to West Texas, Deaf Smith County.

And there he noticed a singular thing. Decayed teeth in that area were almost non-existent, which certainly couldn't have made business any too good for the dentist, doctor. However, he made observations for years

and came to the conclusion that there were elements in the soil of Deaf Smith County that prevented tooth decay. Today, the Dental Director of the Texas Health Department confirmed this observation.

He says analysis reveals that foodstuffs grown in the Deaf Smith County soil are especially rich in flourine, phosphorus, calcium

and Vitamin D. This must account for the lack of tooth trouble, and therefore if you made a sort of tooth elixir out of those Deaf Smith

County elements, it ought to be a way to prevent tooth decay.

In other words, distill the essence of Deaf Smith County, put the county in a capsule, and abolish bad teeth from the world.

POOH BAH

The State Department announces the appointment of a new United States Minister to the Government of Greece. This may not be such important news - but it's great Gilbert and Sullivan. Remember how in the "Mikado", the magnificent Pooh Bah holds just about all the political offices in the town of Tiddypoo? He's everything, all the way from Lord Chancellor to dog catcher. He's the Lord Chief Justice and also the Archbishop of Tiddypoo. Now, check that with this latest bit of news from Washington.

The new Minister to Greece is announced as Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr. of Philadelphia. Stationed in London, he is already Ambassador to Poland, Ambassador to Belgium, Minister to Norway, Minister to the Netherlands, Minister to Jugoslavia, and Minister to Czechoslovakia. And now - he's also Minister to Greece. Giving him six diplomatic posts all at one time. The governments to which he is accredited are all refugee affairs in London.

Maybe this multiple diplomat may get into the same state of confusion as Pooh Bah in the "Mikado" - <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ might <sup>do</sup> ~~be~~ one thing as the Lord Chancellor and the opposite thing as the Archbishop. Suppose, for example, J. Drexel Biddle might find that as Ambassador

to Poland he thinks one thing, while as Minister to Greece, he may have another opinion altogether. And as Ambassador to Belgium he may have to disagree with himself as Minister to the Netherlands. We might easily imagine that he'll wind up talking to himself; and that would indeed be confusing for Anthony Drexel Biddle, Jr. of Philadelphia.

And now our Radio Mikado Hugh James in behalf of Blue Sunoco also of Philadelphia.