

RUSSIANS

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Sumo.

(3) There is considerable to-do in Seattle about the seven Russian seamen who quit one of Dictator ~~Joe~~ ^{Stalin's} Stalins marchant ships. ~~The Soviet~~ consular ~~authorities~~ ^{officers} in Seattle wanted them turned over to the tender mercies of the Soviet Union, which means the N. K. V. D., the Russian version of the Gestape.

Two of those Russian seamen said ~~they~~ that if they were turned over to Soviet authorities they would ^{never} return to Holy Mother Russia alive. They declared that the punishments practiced by the Russian N. K. V. D. included stuffing men alive into fire boxes of coal burning ships.

At any rate, Uncle Sam's immigration authorities refused to turn those mariners over to the Soviet and two of them are anxious to become American citizens. They say they like America and would like to fight for this country.

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NORTH FRANCE

Tonight we have more details about the capture ~~by Uncle Sam's Yanks~~ of the historic fortress of Verdun, ^{by Uncle Sam's ~~Yanks~~ lads.} It was reported yesterday, ~~but~~ officially announced only as of today. But the more spectacular news of that American advance comes from the Germans. They say the American spearhead rolled on twenty five miles past Verdun, and ^{is} only twenty-five miles ~~xx~~ away from the German border.

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Canadians - reminiscence of this war, not the last. After a thirty mile advance from Rouen, they captured Dieppe. We all remember that Dieppe Commando Raid in Nineteen Forty-two when forces predominantly Canadian made a landing, only to encounter disaster by losing such a tragic proportion of their men. Well, today the Canadians wiped that memory out - by marching into Dieppe.

Today's lightning advances by the British and Canadians had flanked the rugged coast in the sector of Calais. The bases for launching the robot planes are now virtually neutralized, and it was noted today that the rocket warfare against England had slowed down to a mere occasional robot. Instead of the projectiles coming over in swarms, only a few buzzed across the Channel. Late tonight the British and Canadians were only five miles south of Dieppe.

One thing about the swift Allied advances in northern France is this - they were made today almost

without resistance. Places like Verdun, St. Mihiel, Arras, Dieppe, were seized without hardly a shot being fired. Obviously, the Germans are pulling out as fast, as they can, retreating to some new defense line.

Where will that be? We do not know. But, here is an

intimation. (An American fighter pilot reports that the Germans in Belgium and Holland are flooding the country

They have opened the dykes, and wide areas are being

inundated. ~~This~~ Obviously ^{to} will provide a water barrier

for a defense of the Low Countries. So that apparently

is where the Germans now intend to make their stand,

somewhere in Holland and Belgium;- and, undoubtedly along

~~the~~ the line of their Siegfried fortifications to

the south. Henry Gorrell of the United Press cables

that he expects to be entering Belgium tomorrow, along

with the spearheads of the first army of General Hodges.

SOUTH FRANCE

In southern France, the Allies are still advancing, though with not quite the spectacular speed that was reported yesterday. ^{But it may} ~~It may well~~ be that the advances have ^{gone further} ~~actually been more~~ than the dispatches indicate, ^{been saying that} ~~admit~~. Correspondents have ~~told us that in this invasion~~ ^{often now far} ~~business~~, the news is ~~frequently quite a distance~~ behind. ~~the fact.~~

Anyway, one American column, after forging ahead nineteen miles northwest of Grenoble, is less than forty miles from Lyon. According to one report, ~~which is~~ not confirmed, the German Nineteenth Army, entrusted with the ~~main~~ defense of the south of France, has been so badly cut to pieces that it is evacuating Lyon tonight. Five Allied columns, four Americans and one French, are ^{moving} ~~sweeping~~ down on the ^{great city of the Rhone,} ~~capital of the wilk world,~~ advancing ~~along~~ a sixty mile front.

One dispatch quotes a captured Nazi general,

the ex-commander of the Hundred and Ninety-Eighth German Infantry Division, ^{as saying,} in an extraordinary admission.

According to this he said that the Nineteenth Army is trying ^{desperately} to extricate itself from southeastern France, by any and every possible means.

The ^{socalled} mystery column, led by Brigadier-General Frederick Butler, was in action again today, after a week during which nothing was heard from it. ^{Gen.} Butler has advanced ^{some} fourteen miles and ^{the} captured ~~Voiron~~. The Americans ^{in the South are now} ~~there are~~ within a hundred and eighty-five miles of ~~being able to~~ ^{ing} join forces with ^{our} ~~the~~ northern armies ~~of General Eisenhower.~~

AIR WAR

All Over Europe today, the weather was excellent - clear skies and bright visibility. During the previous ^{For} days, the story had been one of clouds, rain and storm, but late yesterday the bad weather began to break, and today the theme song might have been - "Oh what a beautiful morning, oh, what a beautiful day!"

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All of this can be recited in other terms - terms of the air war. ^{with} For days Allied air power ^{held} was rigorously ^{down} circumscribed by murky skies. And then yesterday, with the clearing weather, the tempo of the war of the sky was stepped up - and fleets of planes sallied forth against the Nazis. Today, after the break of that beautiful ^{came and} morning, the full might of Allied air power was hurled against the enemy. Bombers and strafing fighter planes, of every type, sallied forth to ^{bound} hit the retreating Nazi ^s in north France, the retreating Nazi in south France - the Germans retreating everywhere.

From Italy, long range bombers blasted at war basis all the way from Piedmont to Hungary, collaborating with the still greater airmadas in the north.

One most important factor lies in figures that the news dispatches give - figures for vehicles destroyed. Meaning, those incessant bombing and strafing attacks against German transport on the ground - trucks knocked out, railroad trains blasted, everything that rolls being under fire. The retreating German armies, moving in streams to get out of traps, offer the most inviting targets - so no wonder the news features figures for vehicles knocked out. For example, two hundred and twenty were destroyed and two hundred and ninety others damaged by the British R.A.F. and the United States Second Tactical Air Force in one small area - between the Seine and Abbeville. During the day, the figures piled up, and are still piling up - with the big Ninth American Tactical Air Force still to be

GERMAN OFFICER

A news dispatch from London tells of a German Major General brought to England - a prisoner of war flown across from France to an internment camp.

~~When Hitler's Major General was~~ Put into a transport plane for the flight, ^{Hitler's Major General} ~~he~~ was astonished. He looked about for machine guns - but there were no machine guns. Then how would the transport be able to fight back if attacked by German planes? He was a little nervous about that. ^P Whereupon an American officer explained: "We don't need any guns." And then he asked: ^{by the way} "Where is ^{Yours} the Luftwaffe?"

The German Major General groaned, "That's what I would like to know, ~~he responded dismally.~~ "Where is the Luftwaffe?"

RUSSIA

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Russian divisions are now on the border of Bulgaria. Units of the Second Army of the Ukraine who captured Bucharest yesterday raced along to the southern frontier of Romania. Some divisions of that Army captured another important port on the Danube, River, ~~pa~~ a port ^{that} which was the center of the oil traffic, also a junction point on the main railroad line from Bucharest to Sofia, capital of Bulgaria.

RUMANIANS

A story from the Russian front tells of the disillusionment of Rumanian soldiers. On being sent to fight the Russians, they were informed by their officers that in the Red Army there was only one rifle for every three men, which ~~would~~ ^{made} certainly ~~make~~ it seem as if the Soviet forces ~~should~~ ^{would} be a push-over. Then what happened? ^P That is answered by a Rumanian prisoner of war, who is quoted as saying: "When we arrived at the front, we saw that the officers were right. There was only one rifle for every three Russians, but the other two Russians had tommy-guns."

SATELLITES

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The Cabinet of Bulgaria is reported to have resigned today, the Ministers of the Bulgarian government stepping out - as their country tries for peace. In fact, Bulgarian peace negotiations have been going on - at Cairo. And from there we hear the talks for an armistice were suspended today, as a result of the report of the resignation of the Bulgarian Cabinet.

And Hungary continues to ^{show} ~~manifest~~ symptoms of getting out - with one story stating today that German troops were occupying Budapest, as the Hungarian capital seeths with peace talk.

On the other hand, we have a denial that Germany itself has been making overtures for an end of the war. This denial comes from Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who today stated that the United States has not received any offer of surrender or of peace from Nazi Germany.

GERMANY

~~I suppose we will just have to wait to find out how the people of Germany will welcome the latest~~

~~"pep talk" of Dr. Goebbels, the Nazi Propaganda Minister.~~

~~According to a Swedish newspaper, he is supposed to~~

~~have called together his gauleiters, in Berlin, and told~~

~~them that "every ~~XXXX~~ village, every town, every~~

~~house must be defended", and proclaimed that a Third~~

~~Army, consisting of women and children, would be~~

~~formed to fight beside the regular Nazi army and the~~

~~S.S. troops.~~

~~Probably Goebbels himself will be in hiding~~

~~somewhere when his people are put to this last test.~~

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Hugh - what's the word from Stan. of Calif. tonight, before we go on with the news?

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ROOSEVELT TRIP

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Tonight we have official denials of charges that have been made concerning President Roosevelt's trip for war conferences in Hawaii. One of these was ~~a doggie~~ ^a little tale, related yesterday by Congressman Knutson of Minnesota, who quoted Congresswoman Clare Luce of Connecticut. The story was that when the President stopped at the Aleutian Islands on his way home from Hawaii, the White House ~~dog~~ ^{Pooch} Fala, got lost, and the presidential party left without ~~the pooch~~ ^{Fala}. When this was discovered, a destroyer was sent back to get Fala, a warship ~~taken from battle duty~~ to bring back one small ~~dog~~ ^{hound}.

This was denied today in Congress by Representative McCormack of Massachusetts, who says he has the information from Admiral Leahy. Said the Congressman: "Admiral Leahy informs me that the story about Fala is made out of whole cloth. The dog was never lost. It was never sent for, and could not

have been sent for, because it was never lost at any time during the trip."So Fala was not lost and it is folly to say so.

Another story alleged by Congressman Knutson was that the President, on his trip to Hawaii, was accompanied by what the Congressman called "a flotilla of battleships, cruisers and destroyers that should have been out in the Far Pacific fighting the Japs." This too was denied categorically by Congressman McCormack on the authority of Admiral Leahy.

In the face of these denials, Congressman Knutson makes reference to something that he claims has not been denied. He says that no one has challenged a statement made by Columnist Drew Pearson, that the President's Pacific trip cost the taxpayers twenty million dollars.

And, moreover, he today alleged still another.

He spoke of a trip to Australia, by what the

Congressman called, ~~the~~ "a very famous American woman in

a bomber which had been altered to permit the

installation of a shower bath."

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C.I.O.

Another resignation from the Political Action Committee of the C.I.O. Today the tenth member of the P.A.C. in Rhode Island stepped out. He said his union local was dissatisfied with the operation of the Committee, and added: "I don't believe labor should mix in politics."

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PARIS HATS

With Paris liberated, it is only to be expected that we should ^{soon} promptly have - a Parisian fashion note. ^{And -} Here it is. ~~We are told that~~ women's hat styles in Paris are to be changed. During the Nazi occupation Madame and Madamoselle adopted a kind of headgear that has been making the eyes of American soldiers gape and blink - although the American males are used to some astonishing things along that line at home. The hats along the boulevards are huge and exaggerated, crowns eighteen inches high and the modest kind of floppy brims.

Today ~~Madame Jeanne Lanvin~~ ^{one} of the the leading creators of Parisian millinery explained: "We made them fantastic, just to keep our spirits up".

Oui, Oui, Madame, the exaggeration of the hat increases the courage.

But now, with Paris liberated, that kind of hat-courage isn't needed any more, and so, as the Parisian stylist informs us, there is to be a change. "Those hats," says she, "are too flamboyant to be the height of fashion now."

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VALLEE

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Rudy Vallee has come to his senses. ^{well, that's} ~~That is~~
what he ^{said} ~~says~~ to ^{his} ~~the~~ public tonight. He and his lady,
who were divorced last July, are now together again,
living in bliss on a hilltop. ^{California}

Mrs. Vallee ^{also} uttered a philosophical sentiment
tonight when ~~he~~ she said:- "Our divorce has brought
us closer together than ever".

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Still another celebrated pair are reconciled,
Sergeant and Mrs. Joe Di Maggio. The lady obtained
a decree last May, but under California law it doesn't
~~not~~ stick until next May. The men and women—about
town of San Francisco in the last few days have been
edified by the spectacle of the Home Run King and his
decorative wife, frequenting several of the interesting
spots in San Francisco, that paradise of epicures.

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And now H. J. who is
also a good judge of both women
— and food.

HUGH GIBSON

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Today's anniversary of the beginning of the European war, the fifth anniversary of Hitler's wanton attack on Poland, brings to mind something that I read recently on the subject of Poland. This I found in a recently published book, "The Road to Foreign Policy", by Hugh Gibson - whom we know so well on this program.

Hugh Gibson was, of course, one of the foremost of American diplomats, Ambassador to Belgium, ~~also~~ American observer of the League of Nations at Geneva. Now he writes on ~~the~~ foreign policy with a wealth of long and distinguished experience. In his book, "The Road to Foreign Policy", he discusses the current ^{Polish-Russian} dispute, ~~between Poland and Soviet Russia~~, with Stalin demanding about half of the pre-war territories of Poland. The following is an example of Hugh Gibson's lively and entertaining style in writing about foreign affairs. He speaks of those who, in his words, ^{are} "not content with abandoning Poland to her fate, ^{but also} want the luxury of doing

it on high moral grounds." ~~It may very well prove,~~
~~says Hugh Gibson, "that we can do nothing to protect~~
~~Poland against unilateral action by the Soviet~~
~~government. But it does not necessarily follow that~~
~~we must approve."~~

To which he adds the following sprightly anecdote, ~~concerning these two mighty statesmen and~~
~~rivals of the past,~~ *about* Disraeli and Gladstone: "The present attitude of some people," observes Hugh Gibson, "is reminiscent of Disraeli's remark - when he said, in a moment of exasperation, that he did not so much mind Gladstone having the ace of spades up his sleeve, but he did object to his pretending that it was the Heavenly Father who put it there."

Hugh Gibson reasons that we must thank the Soviets for the stupendous part they are playing in the war, and cooperate with them after the war is over. But there is no use of becoming extravagant about it.

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~~Hugh Gibson~~ writes: "Our whole attitude, both
~~— toward Russia — is —~~
government and people, is — 'you great-big-wonderful-
boy!' ~~Everything Russia does is right,~~" he adds.

"We can criticize the British, ~~we can hold meetings and~~
~~make speeches dismantling their empire in the midst of~~
~~war.~~ But nothing of that sort for our great-big-
wonderful-boyfriend."

And now comes that other great-big-wonderful
boy, Hugh James.

STRIKE

At Cleveland today, two United States Army trucks ^{rolled} ~~rolled~~ through a strikers' picket line, and that settled one question at a plant making a vital kind of war material - vital for those giant B-29 Superfortresses.

The plant is tied up by a strike, and that stopped the production of the articles it was ^{manufacturing:-} ~~turning~~ ~~out~~ - ball bearings. Nor could the stocks already manufactured ~~be~~ be taken out - ^{for} the strikers' picket line stopped two civilian trucks that tried to load up with the ball bearings. And you know how important the ^{old} ~~small~~ ~~ball bearings~~ ~~spheroids~~ are to modern machinery, especially to the elaborate mechanisms of the B-29s. ^P So today two Army trucks rumbled to the plant, ~~and~~ There was no interference, ^{and they} ~~when it~~ went right on through the picket line, and brought out heavy loads of ball bearings for the Superforts.

VATICAN

Concerning the question of the use of force to preserve the peace, we hear another voice today saying - Yes. The voice of Pope Pius the Twelfth. In a radio address today, the Roman Pontiff declared that at the end of the present war, the threat of armed force might have to be held over such nations ^{as} ~~that~~ might be tempted to break the peace.

Pope Pius, moreover, repeated his previous injunctions - urging that ⁱⁿ the post-war world-order, the rights of all peoples, must be upheld. He touched likewise upon the rights of the common man, this in terms of property. He declared that the Church recognizes that property is a necessary prerequisite of human life, and of the right and dignity of man.