

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

A record-breaking raid against the Japs in Java. The largest force of American heavy bombers that ever flew in that direction carried out a raid against Soerabaja, once famous as the naval base for the Dutch fleet in ^{the Netherlands} ~~Holland~~ East Indies. And the renowned Javanese oil refineries were blasted. Also, an air blow against the enemy on the legendary island of Bali.

In New Guinea, Australian forces are closing in on the Japanese base called Sattelberg. Those German ~~names~~ names out there are reminiscent of the fact that part of New Guinea once belonged to the Germany of the Kaiser. Sattelberg is ten miles northwest of Finschhafen -- on the Huon Peninsula. The Japs there are being encircled.

From Bougainville, in the Solomons, tonight's headline tells of a day of air battle. Japanese bombers tried to raid American shipping off the island. But they themselves suffered the big damage. Twenty of the enemy shot down in the one day of fighting, with American planes making nearly two hundred sorties.

Ⓜ An interesting sidelight ^{on} ~~from~~ the sky battles out there comes in word brought by one of our army air force aces.

"They are baling out now," says he. Meaning that the legend that Japanese pilots never take to parachutes, preferring to die, is no longer true.

Major Thomas Lynch of Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, has a record of shooting down sixteen Japs, and his own recent experience confirms the fact that the enemy fliers have abandoned their suicide tactics. In the case of two planes that he destroyed, he hit them and set them afire -- whereupon the Jap pilots baled out, -- hit the silk.

GILBERT AND MARSHALL

~~The latest tonight is a dispatch from Pearl Harbor which tells of~~ ^H ~~New American raids against the Marshall and Gilbert Islands. Raids is correct - plural. A series of assaults were launched Wednesday and yesterday. The Japs were hit with blows by carrier based planes and by land based planes - coordinated attacks launched from warships and from island flying-fields far away.~~

Bayito

The carrier planes raided Beito Island of the Gilbert Group yesterday. They 'started' big oil fires. The land based planes were Liberators, and they hit four targets in the Gilbert^s and Marshall^s on both Wednesday and yesterday. ^{One island blasted was} ~~Before dawn on Wednesday, one force of~~ ^{Nauru, on the Equator, where the} ~~Liberators blasted airport runways and oil dumps, in~~ ^{Japs have a big air base.} ~~the Marshall^s. At sunset, big American land planes,~~ ~~smashed an island to the north. At noon yesterday, the~~ ~~Liberators again hit, bombing aviation installations on~~

~~the ground.~~

The large meaning of this news is in the fact that it does not represent just one adventurous blow, ~~not to be followed up immediately.~~ On the contrary, the new carrier and land plane raids were part of a sustained offensive that now has lasted for six days - obviously a prolonged ~~extended~~ day-by-day campaign to knock out important Japanese positions in the Gilbert^s and Marshalls.

JAP PROPAGANDA

The Japs are certainly the world's greatest propagandists. They blast their phoney war news not only to their own people, to the countries that they have seized, and to the whole world, in fact - but also to their illustrious ancestors. ~~They tell their whoppers not only to the living, but also to the dead - making them the champion liars of all time.~~

π This is indicated today in a dispatch from Tokyo, which tells how Tojo has made a pilgrimage to the sacred Shrine of Ise. That's ^a~~another~~ number one sanctuary of Shinto, Japanese ancestor worship. And it's an age-old custom for Jap leaders, the Mikado and top lofty ministers, to sojourn to the Shrine of Ise and there give a report to their ancestors.

This is what Tojo now has done, giving to his ancestors a report on the recent accomplishments of the Japs in battle, the war news. As we all know, the recent

war news that the Japs have been giving out features five stupendous naval battles in the area of Bougainville, five gargantuan victories over the United States Navy. Of course, the fact is that not one battle has been ~~fought~~ fought - they're all a myth. ^{IT} ~~The American Pacific fleet~~

~~has been sunk, according to Tokyo - sunk, in fact, several times over, far more of our ships having been sent to the bottom than we actually have. So that's the report which Tojo ^{now} has given to his ancestors at the sacred Shrine of Ise. I wonder whether the illustrious ancestors believed it.~~

The explanation for this supernatural prevarication ~~by Tojo~~ is not difficult to figure out.

~~He figures~~ ^{Tojo thinks} that by peddling his phoney war news at the

Shrine of Ise, people out in ~~xxx~~ Asia will be more

inclined to believe it - on the theory that Tojo

wouldn't tell a lie to his illustrious ancestors.

That's the propoganda angle of the story, which

the Premier of Japan
pictures, ~~so~~ handing out the baloney all the way to

the other world.

Today, American Flying Fortresses struck at targets in western Germany - the familiar sequence of American daylight assault following a British night raid. ~~The full facts about the Fortress assault have not yet come in, but details about the blow the British struck last night, picture it as the biggest ever~~ ^{attacks}

Today the London Air Ministry described the assault as having been made by what it calls "the largest force of heavy bombers yet dispatched to Germany." And that would seem to put the raid in the thousand plane class - a thousand giant bombers. ~~They dropped twenty-five hundred tons of bombs, which included more than three hundred and fifty "two-ten blockbusters," The monster missiles which burst each into six thousand fragments and smashed everything within a radius of a hundred and twenty feet, knocking down blocks of buildings.~~

Two targets were hit, Berlin and the great

industrial center at Ludwigshafen-Mannheim on the Rhine.

~~There were clouds over the German capital, and results could not be observed immediately in any detail, but the glare of great fires turned the clouds red. Because~~

^{Because} of the weather, the German anti-aircraft fire was

inaccurate, and there was comparatively little fighter

plane opposition. ~~with the result that only~~ ^{However} thirty-two

bombers failed to return.

~~The burst of activity, British last night and American today, follows a spell of bad weather which reduced air operations to a minimum. But now the smashing of Nazi Germany has been resumed, and some observers in London believe that this may be the beginning of the attempt to see whether Germany can be knocked out by air attack - the experiment that Prime Minister Winston Churchill said was worthwhile. Others give the surmise that last night's thousand-plane~~

Some surmise that last night's 1000 plane record-breaking assault, followed by the sorties of ~~the~~ Flying Fortresses today, may be a start for immense bombing operations to soften up the Nazis, preliminary to ~~an~~ invasion.

DOGS

~~dog~~ stories are always favorites, but then in this era of the global conflict, war stories are more appropriate. But we won't let that feaze us--for here's a war dog story. In the new issue of COLLIERS, we are told that every American squadron of the sky is attended by a throng of canine camp followers, and ~~these~~ mutts, ~~pooches, and best~~ ^{actually} help ~~to~~ win the war. The commanding officer of one bomber base is quoted as saying: "I never have to worry about the boys' morale as long as I see a few dogs around."

The devotion of the pooches to their bomber and fighter plane masters is extraordinary, as is witnessed by the case of a nondescript mongrel hound named Propwash. The yarn, as related in COLLIERS, sounds a little on the order of a tall story, but we are assured that the marvel actually occurred at an air base in Britain.

Propwash belonged to a fighter plane captain, who always left the flop-eared hound on the ground to wait for him, and Propwash could never be persuaded to ~~a~~ budge from the ready room until the captain ^{had} returned.

Then one day, for no apparent reason, Propwash suddenly dashed out of the ready room and tore across the flying field and kept going, vanishing ^{ing} in the distance.

Twenty minutes later the field got word ~~xxxx~~ that an American fighter plane had crashed in a patch of woods, and the pilot had bailed out. And it was another full hour before searching parties discovered the pilot sitting beside his parachute, nursing a broken leg. It was the captain, and who was dancing around him but--Propwash? How had the flop-eared hound found out?-- some intuition; some doggish instinct? At the flying field in Britain they don't pretend to explain they only know the story is true.

RUSSIA

Soviet Russia reports a setback-Red Army troops forced to abandon that important railroad junction called Jitomir. The Russians captured Jitomir less than a week ago, for a sounding military success. They haven't been able to hold it, however, because of desperate counter-attacks launched by more than a hundred thousand enemy troops and hundreds of tanks.

This, however, is counter-balanced by the capture of a key railroad point called Obruch. This place is on the railroad from Leningrad to Odessa-the cutting of which line completes the severance of the German armies on the northern and southern fronts.

ITALY

There isn't much news from the war front in Italy. The continuance of bad weather has slowed down military operations to a minimum.

Here's a twister about our naval officers and sailors who are on liaison duty with the Italian Navy, which used to be on the Nazi side.

On an Italian battleship an American sailor, Alexander Stepamchevich of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, had to work with an Italian signal man. They couldn't understand each other though they tried various languages. English and Italian being no go, they resorted to German and Spanish. But they couldn't find any language in common-that is, not for a long time. Then, in desperation the Sailor, Stepamchevich of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, exclaimed despairingly in Russian, the language of his parents- "Oh, if somebody here could only talk Russian."

Where upon the Italian signalman replied in Russian. Not only that, it was in the same Russian

ITALIAN NAVY

DIALECT*Ukrainian. It turned out that his parents, like those of the American sailor, had come originally from the same section of the Ukraine!

Richelieu
RUSSIA

One of the greatest battleships in the world took her place today in the war at sea -- the Richelieu, ~~That~~ ^{giant} thirty-five thousand ton ~~monster~~ of the fleet of France, ^{re-}crossed the Atlantic ^{recently} ~~recently~~ after having been repaired in the United States -- at the New York Navy Yard. The Richelieu was severely damaged early in the war, while lying at Dakar -- when the British and the Free French of DeGaulle tried to take that port.

~~In French Colonial North Africa/they came~~ ^{when}
~~over to our side, and the Richelieu was sent to us~~
for ^{Repairs} ~~repairs~~. And ~~these~~ completed she today took her place at the head of French warships operating with the Allies in the Mediterranean.

LEBANON

~~Today~~ At Algiers urgent orders ^{today} were issued:--
to settle the Lebanon question! The French National
Committee dispatched that command to General Georges
Catroux, who is in ^{the} Lebanon on a mission of peace
making.

This follows the insistent advice of British
and Americans. In fact, ^a Frenchman close to the
Committee said today: "The Lebanon problem is really
a Franco-British one, not Franco-Lebanese." And he
added the suspicion that the British wouldn't mind
squeezing the French out.

~~"But we value the British friendship too
highly," he added, "too highly not to do everything
for a settlement."~~

~~It is indicated in French quarters that the
Lebanese leaders may soon be released from detention -
the leaders whose arrest was immediately ^{the} cause for the
outbreak. ~~in the Lebanon.~~ They will be released, but ~~they~~
~~will~~ ^{not} be restored to their previous political offices. So
say the French.~~

PEACE RUMORS

~~Today there was~~ New talk of German peace moves. These, they say, are more likely to be made because of prospects arising from a meeting of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Stalin. It is explained that the long awaited conference of the Big Three, concerning ^{wh}ich there has been so much talk and so many rumors, could only impress upon the Germans the fact that their enemies are firmly united for victory.

~~When the American, British and Russian Foreign Ministers got together, Hull, Eden and Molotov, and signed the Moscow declaration, the Germans lost almost their last hope of a split between the Allies. And now a Roosevelt-Church-Stalin conference would eliminate the "almost" and make the loss of Teutonic hope a hundred per cent. ^{So} ~~some~~ new peace moves are expected - moves instigated by what are called German conservatives,~~

TAXES

The word from Washington is that the administration is due for a blast of criticism on the subject of war expenditures and war finance. The blast is said to be contained in a report which the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives will hand in tomorrow. The Committee has turned down the administration proposal for a ten and a half billion ^{dollar} tax bill, and is presenting to Congress a substitute. ² This calls for the raising of a little more than two billion dollars by new taxation.

The Ways and Means group, in justifying the slash, is going to contend that the government has over-estimated the money it needs for the next year of war by as much as twelve billion ~~dollars~~. Also - that the Administration figure, ~~is~~ picturing the danger of inflation, is much too high. ^{TP} ~~The Treasury estimates that the money available for excess spending, the inflationary~~

REPUBLICANS

Today three Republican Governors withdrew as possibilities for the GOP nomination next year. Each of the three has been mentioned -- Saltonsall of Massachusetts, Griswold of Nebraska, and Warren of California. The first two were unqualified in their rejection, while Governor Warren of California intimated that he might enter the California Preferential Primary. But that, he said, would be only with the idea of being the head of the California delegation to the Republican National Convention.

REYNOLDS

Here's a late political headline from Washington -- Cameron Morrison of North Carolina does not like caviar. The importance of ~~this~~ this history-making statement goes back to an election a few years ago, in which Cameron Morrison was defeated in the United States Senate by Reynolds of North Carolina, in what was called -- "the caviar campaign." Reynold's ace ^{political} ~~campaign~~ argument was ~~the charge~~ that Morrison ate caviar.

"And, my friends," Reynolds would shout to a hillbilly audience, "do you know what caviar is? My friends, caviar is fish eggs!" Whereupon the hillbilly audience would look horrified and the candidate would go on to display a bottle of buckshot, explaining that caviar looked like that-- like buckshot.

Whereupon the hillbilly audience would groan -- imagine anybody ^{eating} ~~with~~ anything that looks like buckshot!

^R So Reynolds won the election. But now he is retiring, and the candidate he defeated in the caviar campaign

is going to run to succeed him. ^H Today Cameron Morrison was in Washington, and he was asked about those fish eggs. ~~And~~ He answered with a fervent protest: "As a matter of fact, ^{he growled,} "I hate caviar," ~~he growled~~

And he continued with another revelation.

"However," he said sternly, "I've heard that Reynolds dips into caviar with a spoon, and eats it without bread or crackers."

CHAPLAIN

Sherman's

~~The German's~~ definition of war becomes

the more authoritative when it is confirmed by a minister of the Gospel. ~~who is a professional expert on such matters as Paradise and Hades.~~

~~Moreover,~~ Chaplain Captain Clifford Chadwick of Providence, Rhode Island, ~~had an infernal experience to prove that war is really the hot place. On a~~

~~Southwestern Pacific battlefield he~~ was ministering to the wounded when he got into a hail of Japanese machine-gun bullets. He crouched behind a fallen log, and lay there ~~for a long time~~, while enemy bullets chipped away the bark of the log. *And, it* wasn't long

before the ~~ix~~ Chaplain discovered that he had taken refuge in a nest of red ants. ~~and you have to have~~

~~Equatorial experience to understand~~ *And* how those tropical ~~termites~~ can bite! *! TP* The Chaplain didn't dare ~~to~~ move,

3/2 or the bullets would have clipped him. But what the

bullets failed to do, the ants almost did. Ants in his

tunic, ants in his shoes, ~~pants~~ *-ants* everywhere. ~~in fact~~

4 a lurid tail - from a Chaplain. *And now an interesting talk from George.*