

HITLER

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What Hitler had to say today expanded the Nazi notion of the war as a revolution. With many words and much excited rhetoric he told the huge assemblage of workers in Berlin that it was a struggle between the have-nots and the haves, between Nazi theories about the workers on one hand and British capitalism and gold on the other. And in this he bracketed the United States with Great Britain. Nazi spokesmen have been ~~cheery~~<sup>cherry</sup> about attacking this Western republic of ours, and today the Nazi dictator went no further than to identify us with the British Empire -- as powers who own so much of the world and who represent capitalism and gold. Of course, we also have freedom, civil rights, humane and liberal ideas and no lust for war and conquest -- but Hitler did not mention that.

His promises to the assemblage of German workers were not of the usual loud Hitler<sup>ian</sup> optimism. He did not pledge them a quick victory and prompt end of the war. He assured them that Nazi Germany <sup>any power in</sup> would defeat the world, ~~and~~ but failed to lay emphasis on lightning strokes of success right away. Instead he put stress on the notion of waiting, said he'd pick the proper time for compelling a decision, <sup>the tone was</sup> sometime and maybe not so soon. It is significant that

the Nazi Fuehrer appealed to his worker audience with the statement that when he launched a blow it would not be just to achieve prestige, but would be timed to avoid, as much as possible, the sacrifice of life and blood. ~~So~~ From this it is easy to assume, as London does, that ~~XXXXXX~~ Hitler was really apologizing to his own people for not having overthrown Great Britain, was giving them an explanation <sup>of a sort</sup> to appeal to them the most. Saying he planned to win at a time when the fewest possible of their lives could be sacrificed.

Hitler may have been <sup>charmy</sup> ~~cheery~~ with his promises today, but Goebbels wasn't. That little limpy Minister of Propaganda told of dire things that are about to happen. ~~to the British~~ He stated that the war would soon be over with what he called "a great lightning offensive against Britain."

The Hitler speech brings one repercussion from London. It is stated that Churchill will make a reply. In Parliamentary circles the word is that the Prime Minister will counter the Nazi propaganda with a declaration of British war aims. There's growing demand in Great Britain that the London government shall tell what its war objectives are, what kind of peace it plans to make

eventually. The word is that Churchill will make such a declaration, and harmonize it with American ideas. Make it a sort of joint expression of what both Great Britain and the United States think should be the proper kind of peace.

EGYPT

There are reports that the British in Egypt have cut the lines of communication of the Italians at Sidi Barrani. That's the most advanced point which the Fascists reached when they made a seventy-five mile push into Egypt several months ago. Since then their drive has been stalled. <sup>JP</sup> The actual scope of the new British attack is shrouded in military secrecy, secrecy made rather perplexing by Prime Minister Churchill today. He told the House of Commons of a swift drive through the Western Desert of Egypt. He said that mechanized British forces had advanced seventy-five miles -- "at a bound", as he called it. He said that this drive had <sup>cut</sup> ~~been~~ behind the Italian force at Sidi Barrani and <sup>had</sup> reached the sea. (He specified the place at which the British had reached the <sup>coast</sup> ~~sea~~ -- a place called Bugbug which is about half way between Sidi Barrani and the frontier of the Italian province of Libya.) This seemed undoubtedly to mean that the British had cut around the Italians at Sidi Barrani and had isolated them -- severed their communications with their bases in Libya. Churchill was asked about this, ~~xx~~ but declined to give a reply. He refused to state that the Italians had been cut off by the drive which he announced. <sup>JP</sup> If they're not cut off, the drive must be more in the nature of a <sup>big</sup> raid.

Churchill was cautious in describing this new offensive in the Western Desert of Egypt. He warned that it was too early to forecast the scope of the ~~the~~ attack or the result that may be obtained. He described it as -- "a preliminary phase." He used these words: "But we can at any rate say that the preliminary phase has been successful."

From British headquarters in Cairo too, the same note of caution is observable -- secrecy about how ambitious an attempt the new operation may be. We're given to surmise that it may be a sort of "feeler". Feel out Italian strength and see whether it has been affected by the reverses in Greece. All this is tentative, but Cairo goes on to state that four thousand prisoners were taken and an Italian General ~~was~~ killed -- in ~~the~~<sup>that</sup> new flare of fighting in the Western Desert.

WINDSORS

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are going to stay in this country a little longer than had been anticipated. They arrived at Miami Beach today, and promptly took up residence at <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ hospital. Her Highness returns to her native land after twelve years, only to pass immediately into the hands of the dentist. A few hours after she arrived today, the Duchess underwent an operation for an abscessed wisdom tooth. After this had been accomplished, the doctors announced that the operation had been a success, but the condition of the wisdom tooth had been rather worse than had been suspected. So they advised that the Duchess remain in the <sup>St. Francis</sup>~~hospital~~ for a day or so. This motion was seconded by the Duke, who gave additional reasons. Here's the official statement:- "His Royal Highness and the Duchess," it says, "are so thoroughly comfortable and so completely charmed by the pleasant surroundings - that they have decided to remain at the hospital until at least Friday."

So it's a pleasant stay for the famous couple - although <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ dentist does not <sup>often</sup>~~usually~~ make a stay so exquisitely agreeable.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

When the news broke today that Stanford was going to pay money to its football team, the question immediately arose - what would Nebraska do? Stanford and Nebraska are to battle ~~for the far western honors~~ in the Rose Bowl Game.

It's quite an innovation - giving college football players cash for their pigskin efforts in a big game. Of course, the Stanford announcement specifies that the gridiron heroes are merely to be - reimbursed. They're to be given money they might make during the holidays, if they didn't go to the <sup>Pasadena</sup> ~~Bowl~~ game.

It's common enough for undergraduates, especially football stars, to eke out their incomes by getting jobs of one sort or another during the Christmas-New Year vacation period. This is true of Stanford players - so Rose Bowl football activities might mean a financial sacrifice. We are told that backs and linesmen will be reimbursed up to the amount of fifty dollars each - the sums to be determined by the job the player might have got and the sum he might have earned. <sup>But</sup> It's got to be a real job and real money, not merely surmise or anticipation. So, "reimbursement" is the word. But still, open and undisguised payment for the

playing of college football is an almost startling innovation.

So, what would Nebraska do?

The answer is -- pay. This was indicated in a statement made today by Major Biff Jones, the Nebraska coach. He says what goes for Stanford will also go for his team, although Nebraska has not yet been formally advised of the action taken by the Pacific Coast conference. Here's the Biff Jones declaration:- "We will do what Stanford does in the matter," says he, "but we will make no comment until we are notified by the Pacific Athletic Commissioner."



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*The story*  
~~This strange result~~

goes back to a deal the Bears made during the past season with the Philadelphia Eagles. There was an exchange of players, and the Eagles agreed to give to the Bears the Number One player that they might draw in the draft. When the draft drawing was held today, what team was it that won the first

pick? The first pick being - ~~Bob Harmon, the ace of aces?~~ *Runaway Tommy Harmon of Michigan?*

The Philadelphia Eagles won the draw, and according to their agreement had to turn over their selection to the all-powerful

*So to the Bears goes Harmon.*  
Bears. ~~and so they got Bob Harmon~~

Second choice - the way they run the drawing, was a tie.

The player ~~who was~~ *rated* second ~~choice~~ was that other football celebrity -

John Kimbro of Texas A. & M. The tie was between the Pittsburgh

*Chicago*  
Steelers and the ~~St. Louis~~ Cardinals. Another freak of chance -

because the Pittsburgh Steelers *also* had an agreement to turn over their

choice to the Chicago Bears. The tie was settled with the ~~toss~~ *toss* of a

coin and if the Pittsburgh outfit ~~XXXXX~~ *had* won, the Bears would have

*won*  
~~got~~ Kimbro also. However, Lady Luck relented this time and the

~~St. Louis~~ Cardinals won the toss and get Kimbro. The Pittsburgh Steelers had to take another pick and chose Norm Stanlee, the star fullback of Stanford. So, according to agreement, it was Stanlee whom Pittsburgh turned over to the Bears. On their own drawing, that stupendous Chicago outfit got John Scott of Ohio State, and ~~xxxxxx~~ he's quite a star too.

So at the Willard in Washington,  
today's draft drawing, instead of favoring the weaker teams <sup>as</sup> it was supposed to do, ~~was~~ <sup>proved</sup> a fabulous break for the champion <sup>s who are</sup> ~~team that is~~ considered far too strong. The Bears got Harmon, Stanlee and Scott, and they almost got Kimbro. The drawing gave them some other valuable players, and it rather looks as if they had <sup>partially</sup> cornered the market in college football talent. The other club owners are described as being hot under the collar because of the result - and there's talk of new rules to stop the bullish habits of the Bears.

However, it may all turn out to be a bit academic, because both Harmon and Kimbro have announced that they will not play professional football. <sup>Still,</sup> ~~However,~~ in the past that same sort

of ~~thingxxxx~~ statement has been made by college stars who are now in the professional ranks. <sup>When next Autumn rolls round the big bankroll proves as inevitable as - Tom Harmon</sup>

BASEBALL

There was irony in the world of baseball today. The major leagues at Chicago voted to retain the rule that forbids a championship club to get players from other teams by means of trades - and Detroit supported <sup>this</sup> ~~the retention~~ Detroit being the championship team.

The mockery lies in the fact that the rule was adopted a year or so ago to check the overweening strength of the New York Yankees, who were running away with pennants year after year, and were blamed for being too powerful. One of the teams that was most enthusiastic for the rule to curb the Yanks was the Detroit Tigers. But last season the Yankees went all to pieces, and the Tigers won the pennant. Nobody suspects <sup>them of being so</sup> ~~that they are so~~ all-powerful that they have to be checked - prevented by acquiring players from other teams by means of trades. So why retain the rule?

Today it was the New York Yanks who voted to abolish the regulation - but the Tigers supported it, although <sup>it acts</sup> ~~the act is~~ against them. The Detroit attitude was that they had previously been so much in favor of the curb, ~~that~~ it would be inconsistent for them to be against it now - it would look rather foolish. So the Tigers voted against themselves, most of the other teams did the same, and the rule was retained.

## ACCIDENTS

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In Chicago, we have the case of a man who was bitten on the forehead by his own false teeth. It sounds like quite a prodigy - how could you reach up with your teeth and bite yourself on your intellectual brow? Well, it was like this. Joseph Callahan ~~fell~~ dropped off to sleep sitting in a chair. While he was snoozing, his false teeth slipped out of his mouth and fell to the floor. A little later, ~~Sleeping~~ Joe slid off the chair, and fell. His forehead came banging down just where the false teeth were. And they bit him - hard enough to give him a handsome set of tooth marks on his brow.

If you don't believe that one, I'll tell you another. At Rochester, New York, a man was standing on a street corner. He was properly dressed, even stylish. But flash - in a swift instance he was without his trousers! All because of a fast moving automobile which passed mighty close to him - so close that the door handle of the car hooked into one of his pockets and took <sup>his</sup> ~~the~~ pants right off. ~~him~~. So there he stood - the most embarrassed man in the world.

In case you think I'm making these up as I go along,

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I will quote my authority for the remarkable accidents. It's the National Safety Council which today issues a report of freak mishaps of Nineteen Forty. For example, at Pueblo, Colorado, <sup>Jay</sup> ~~W.~~ Martin took a ride on a locomotive cow catcher - right in his own office. He's a steel company executive, and his office was on the first floor of a building near the railroad tracks. He was sitting at his desk, when a locomotive, which had run off the tracks, came plunging through the wall. The cow catcher picked up the steel executive and rode him through two partitions. He was quite uninjured - save for excessive surprise.

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And if you don't believe that one - how about Eugene Ramsey of Burgaw, North Carolina. Mr. Ramsey is a carpenter with an inventive turn of mind. His home was bothered by mice, and so he set out to invent a new fangled mouse trap. It had a powerful spring, guaranteed to put the quietus on any mouse. He was working on the contraption, and just had it completed, when it snapped accidentally and caught his finger. He let out a howl of pain, and whipped the thing violently to get it loose. He shook the mouse-trap off, and with such energy that it went flying under the

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kit chen stove. There it hit and killed a mouse! The first  
success of the Ramsey mouse-trap!

~~Wmi~~

Well, maybe you don't believe that one either. So

let's have something you will believe - Hugh James on the subject  
of Nu-Blue Sunoco.

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