

WAR

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Five times today, the people of London ducked into their shelters, five times ^{hazi} the bombers ~~of air Marshal Goering~~ raided the city, scattering their incendiary bombs in widely scattered parts of the metropolis. Five times the raiders were hurled back. Some of the bombs fell right in the heart of fashionable London, on the Burlington arcade, where rich Americans used to go to buy the most expensive neckties and shirts in the world; x on ultra-smart Bond Street, that narrow crooked thoroughfare where you could see millionaires and potentates from all parts of the earth paying fabulous prices for precious wares.

And, it became known today that a bomb had ~~fallen~~ fallen even on Buckingham Palace. It was a time-bomb and it exploded when none of the royal family were in the palace. Nobody was injured because the staff were all in the shelters at the time. The bomb, we learn, destroyed the swimming pool of the little royal princesses.

Some thirty people in an air raid shelter were astonished today to see a distinguished looking couple enter. One of them wore the service uniform of a Field Marshal.

He was accompanied by a lady in a two-piece suit of almond beige. They sat down on ~~strixxt~~ straight wooden chairs among a strange assortment of plain folk. They were King George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth. The thirty people there stared in astonishment, then broke into applause. King George leaned back in a chair, crossed his legs, and ~~mixxx~~ lit a cigarette. The Queen sat and smiled, as calm as though she were at an afternoon tea ~~ix~~ in the palace. The first person there to hear the ~~xiii~~ all-clear signal was the King, who said:- "That is the all clear, but I'm going to wait for tea." So there sat Their Majesties, drinking their tea from thick china mugs. Said one of the women in that shelter:- "Hitler has to have a bodyguard wherever he goes. But you can come down here just like this." & Then she ~~add~~ added: "God bless and keep Your Majesties."

The ~~rexxxi~~ result of today's raids, ~~rexxxi~~ according to British claims, were seventy-five German planes shot down, seventeen British. But three pilots landed safely. According to the Germans, fifty-four British planes were shot down and

only eighteen Germans.

In Berlin the Germans uttered threats of still more ferocious bombardments of Britain. The entire German air force, twenty-five thousand planes, is ready for a mass attack on Britain. The Nazis are prophesying that the next thing the British know, they will see twenty-five hundred giant bombers at a time, making four trips a day, with monster loads of explosives.

The British, in their turn, made more raids on Berlin and set fire to one of the ^{great railway} stations in Hitler's capital.

RED CROSS

The American Red Cross is rushing to the rescue of the British in the areas bombed by the Nazis. Norman H. Davis, the Chairman, today ordered five hundred pieces of clothing shipped to Great Britain immediately. What's more, he cabled the American Red Cross Committee in London to buy at once twelve mobile canteen ~~units~~ units, eight motor trucks in each unit, to help feed refugees. He further urged the London Committee to let him know what else is needed at once, and said that money, supplies, ambulances, even people to do the work, would be made available promptly.

INVASION

An amazing story was made public today. Sometime in August, Hitler's generals attempted an invasion of Great Britain in force. Not only did it fail, but it failed disastrously.

The story comes to light in curious fashion, and it is published today in the New York Sun. French residents in New York received letters from friends and relatives in France. One of them, coming from Paris, was written by a French official acting as liaison officer to the German Army of Occupation. This letter includes the following sentence. I quote: "Paris is full of German officers who are having a wonderful time. They are only hoping they will be allowed to stay here. Especially they hope and pray that they will not be chosen to ~~xxxxix~~ participate in another disastrous attempt to debark troops in England."

Another letter, dated August Twenty-eighth, refers in casual words to what it calls a "suicidal attempt at debarking troops in England." It indicates that Hitler's ~~xxxxix~~ armada started from St. Malo. Now, that isn't much of a harbor to begin with. It is a resort opposite the Channel Islands, quite remote from the English coast. And the idea of starting an

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invasion from such a point sounds fantastic.

This report leads to a good deal of speculation and wonder why, if it is true, the British authorities preferred to suppress the news.

As a matter of fact, if the story were true, it would ~~mean~~ mean a decided British victory and there's no record in history of any government ever suppressing the report of a victory. Immediately after the New York Sun published the report, questions were asked about it in London. The prompt official answer is that the British authorities know nothing of any ~~attempt~~ unsuccessful attempt of the Nazis to invade Britain. Furthermore, they say, the radio broadcast today by Prime Minister Winston Churchill affords an obvious denial of that report.

A possible explanation is that those Frenchmen in France, writing to friends in New York, were trying to get something past the German censor. So they were using double talk which was misinterpreted, not only by the censor but by the people who received the letters.

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CHURCHILL

The main purpose of Prime Minister Churchill's broadcast today was to give his people a rough idea of what they must expect. ~~And that was rough enough for any people to hear. He gave also a summing up of what the Nazis have achieved so far.~~ Most important of all, was the warning that Britons must be ready for a gigantic attempt to invade the British Isles, maybe next week.

There is no doubt, said Churchill, that Hitler is using up his fighter force at a very high rate. If he goes on for many more weeks he will wear out and ruin the most vital part of his air force. That, said Churchill, will give the British a very great advantage. Nevertheless, all Hitler's preparations for invasion on a ^{he said} great scale are steadily going forward. Churchill then outlined that several hundred self-propelled barges are being brought down the coast of Europe to the ports of Northern France from the German and Dutch harbors. They're being concentrated all the way from Dunkirk to the great harbor in the Bay of Biscay. And besides this, Churchill ^{addes,} ~~said, xxxxxx~~ convoys of merchant ships in tens and dozens are being moved through the Straits of Dover into the Channel, dodging around

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from port to port. In addition, there are now considerable concentrations of shipping in the ~~Belgian~~ Belgian and Dutch harbors all the way from Hamburg to Brest. And finally, preparations are being made for ships to carry another invading force from Norwegian harbors.

Churchill then went on to relate that behind those clusters of barges there are huge numbers of German troops ready to go aboard on their dangerous and uncertain voyage across the sea. No one can tell when they will try to come, but, Churchill added, it does not seem that that invasion can be long delayed. Therefore, he went on, the people of Britain must regard the next week ~~also~~ as a most important time in their history.

What is happening now, said the Prime Minister, is on a far greater scale than the Spanish Armada or Napoleon's Grand Army at Boulogne.

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Churchill ^{also} ~~then~~ summed up the British defenses. The ^{British} ~~air~~ fleets, he said, are very powerful and numerous, the ~~air~~ air force at the highest it has ever reached, ^{not} not in numbers but in men and machines; the shores of Britain are well fortified and strongly manned, and behind them stands a far larger and better

equipped mobile army than the British ever had before. In addition, there are one million, five hundred thousand men of the Home Guard, just as much soldiers of the regular army status as the Grenadier Guards.

As for the events of the last week, Churchill ^{went on,} ~~said,~~

"These cruel, wanton, indiscriminate bombings of London are of course a part of Hitler's invasion plan. He hopes by killing large numbers of civilians and women and children, they will terrorize and cow the people of this mighty imperial ~~city~~ ~~city~~ city. Instead," said Churchill, "what this wicked man has done is to kindle a fire in British hearts here and all over the world, which will blow long after all traces have been removed of the conflagration he has caused in London."

WAGNER

Adolf Hitler has offered the governments of South America huge supplies of munitions, free, gratis and for nothing. This was reported in Washington today by Senator Robert Wagner of New York. The Fuehrer tendered, to one South American government alone thirty million dollars' worth of materials of war. And, said the New York Senator, evidently he expects to have defeated Britain by the end of this month, for he said he would deliver those war supplies in October.

Wagner pointed out that if the Nazis do win the war, they will obviously have a large supply of surplus military equipment on their hands. ^{And} They could easily afford to offer _^ them to various countries in South America to get their friendship. The New York Senator wouldn't say where he got his information. But he claimed that it was startling evidence of the necessity for passing that new law ~~XXXXXXXX~~ appropriating five hundred million dollars for the ~~XXX~~ Export-Import Bank, for loans to Latin-American countries.

TAXES

There has been a lot of publicity recently about tax wars between some of the states in the Union. Experts have warned us that these tax wars might reduce large sections of the United States to a condition similar to that in the Balkan countries. The states ~~are~~ erecting tax barriers between each other. ^{well, a} pungent word about that was uttered today by Governor Herbert Lehman of New York, ^{when he said that} ~~He described it as a shameless and unwholesome struggle for gain among the states, an unhealthy spirit of economic rivalry.~~ "Shortsighted legislators and governors appear to have forgotten that the economic strength of the nation has been developed on the foundation of a great, free market."

I recall that ^{some} ~~just about~~ ten years ago, ~~the Right Honorable~~ Winston Churchill, visiting this country, ~~on a lecture-tour,~~ pointed out that the United States was the greatest example in history of prosperity brought about by free trade among forty-eight sovereign states.

Governor Lehman pointed out that such gains as are won by states which pursue a policy of economic isolation are bound to be shortlived. Reprisals, ~~Lehman pointed out,~~ are inevitable and in the long run nobody wins.

PRIMARIES

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The Senate of the United States today had the pleasure of a sentimental scene after its own heart. The Honorable Henry Fountain Ashurst got up on the floor of the Upper Chamber and ~~xxx~~ gave a characteristic performance. With a beaming face and a ceremonious bow, he gave his colleagues an oration on the joys of being defeated. He had just learned that he had lost out in the Arizona primaries, that his rival had got the nomination of Democratic senator away from him. He certainly was a thorough sportsman about it for the gist of his remarks was a question of wonder how his ~~xxxxxxx~~ constituents had *managed* to keep ~~kept~~ him there so long. *He* Actually, he has been Senator from Arizona as long as it's possible to be a Senator from Arizona. He won his seat in Nineteen Twelve, when Arizona was admitted to statehood. *all* In ^{all} those twenty-eight years he had been one of the most popular members of the Upper Chamber and the most flowery orator. When he finished his speech, every lawmaker in the Senate filed past his desk to shake his hand.

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That was the most spectacular result of yesterdays primaries in eight states. Elsewhere, the voting was more or less orthodox. Senator Vandenberg won again in Michigan,

also Governor Luren Dickinson, celebrated for his pieties. In Vermont the Republicans nominated Governor Aiken for senator to succeed the late Senator Gibson.

TIPS

Everybody is inquisitive about that forty-six dollar tip left by Henry Ford's party for a young waitress at Fort Wayne, Indiana. You may recall I reported yesterday that Miss Ethel Gaff, the young waitress concerned, was worried about it. She wondered whether it hadn't been a mistake and whether she ought not return the forty-six dollars.

Well, the tip was left for Miss Gaff intentionally. It wasn't Henry Ford himself but Harry Bennet, the colorful individualist who is head of Henry Ford's Personnel Department. Bennet says he left the money purposely because Miss Gaff had done a particularly good job in taking care of the party, especially in keeping curiosity seekers away from Henry Ford.

There's going to be a vital conference of Republican leaders at Indianapolis tomorrow. Wendell L. Willkie will meet Senator McNary, the candidate for vice-president, and Chairman Joe Martin of the National Committee. McNary and Martin will fly to Indianapolis and meet the G.O.P. presidential candidate, also Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota, Chairman of the Campaign Advisory Committee.

This was announced by Willkie at Rushville, Indiana, today. At the same time he took the opportunity to repeat emphatically his opinion on conscription. There should be selective service at once, he declared. Then somebody told him that Congressman Ham Fish of New York said he was going to fight all the harder because of Willkie's opposition to the sixty day delay amendment. And Willkie replied that doesn't alter his position, and said:- "Ham Fish is entitled to his view and I'm entitled to mine."

Willkie won another champion today in the person of Henry Ford. The announcement was made not by the G.O.P. candidate, but from Detroit. The Tycoon of Motors issued a xxx formal statement that Willkie is a man who means to do

exactly what he says and is competent to do it without evasion

And that he
or excuse. ~~So~~[^] understands what this country needs first and

needs most. The economic question, says Ford, is paramount: it

is the basis of defense, prosperity and everything else. And

Ford continues that until the country gets back to work and

earns good wages, it is not in a position to do anything

properly. He says further that Willkie has had practical

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ business experience; he knows this. In Willkie's

own management of affairs he has followed the principle that the

~~XX~~ first thing is production,

for only production is wealth. To get and keep production, says

Ford, low prices and good wages are indispensable. And he adds

that the country is in need of someone in public office who

understands this principle and will let the country go ahead

under its own steam.

BASEBALL

The baseball ~~xxx~~ fans of Cleveland went to bat this afternoon in a big way. The rampaging New York Yankees were at Cleveland playing a double header, a crucial double header as the Yanks began the day crowding the ~~ixx~~ Indians for first place, only half a game behind. So Cleveland fans took a hand, did their best to help their team with lemons, oranges and too, too ripe tomatoes. The barrage started in the fifth ~~ix~~ inning of the first game of the double header. It got so hot that the Yankee coach had to duck into the dugout and the game had to be stopped while ground keepers gathered the fruit off the field and piled it ~~ixx~~ in a big heap in front of the Yankee dugout.

But the lemons and the oranges and the overripe tomatoes didn't do much good. For the Yanks won the game and beat even the great Cleveland ace pitcher, Bobby Feller, with a score of three to one. The Yankees pushed themselves into first place again. And so they made one of the ^{most} spectacular come-backs in baseball history. And Cleveland was ^{put} ~~xxx~~ out of the leading spot for the first time in many months.

Of course that first game victory did not mean so much if the New Yorkers didn't also get the second. Losing the latter

part of the double header, would put them back to where they were this morning trailing both Cleveland and Detroit by half a game.

ADD BASEBALL

And for a while it looked as though the Yankees were going to make a clean sweep of the day. They had two runs ~~xxx~~ at the end of the second inning. But in the third inning the Cleveland Indians came back at them with a rush and piled up five runs at one swoop. After which rain fell to delay the game, ^{which} ~~and that~~ still hangs in the balance.

SWIMMER

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An excited telephone call came to the men of Uncle Sam's Coast Guard at Buffalo. They heard that a young woman had stripped off her outer clothing and jumped into the Niagara River. A Coast Guard lifeboat promptly went out and found the girl swimming strongly through that racing current from the United States bank of the River towards Strawberry Island. When the Coast Guard tried to pull her in a boat she protested and resisted. However, they pulled her in halfway across to the Island. It took the Coast Guard more than an hour to cross-question her and find out what it was all about. It turned out that she was not trying to commit suicide, she

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had no intention of doing anything wrong. She merely wanted to

swim ~~to Strawberry Island.~~ ^{the tumultuous Niagara River.} That's

all. I mean that's all except what we're going to hear from Hugh.

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