

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight there seems no doubt the Hitler steam roller is rolling over the Ukraine. The Nazi high command states that in the southern Ukraine, infantry divisions and rapid troops of the German Army are pursuing the Russians who are retreating to Black Sea Ports.

Such is the German version. Though the situation of the Russians may not be as bad as that, there is no doubt the Red Armies have been falling back in the Ukraine. Soviet soldiers claim to have wiped out three crack Nazi divisions and recaptured two towns, held by the Nazis.

From Russia comes a sensational story of a detachment of barefoot Soviet troops. According to Moscow, that barefoot detachment had been encircled and entirely surrounded for thirty-two days. On it's way back to the Russian lines it ran into a motorized Nazi division. Thereupon those barefoot Russians killed three thousand Germans, captured three hundred munition trucks,

and hundreds of motorcycles. And then fought their way onto the Russian lines, still barefoot, most of them in tattered German uniforms. Some confirmation comes in a Nazi dispatch which tells of a wild Bolshevike division. The Nazis more than once have complained about the ferocity with which the Red soldiers are fighting.

Here's a British estimate of the Russian situation.

Losses on both sides prodigious. ~~So asserts an official of the~~
~~British War Office.~~ Battles of annihilation.

FRANCE

The Nazis ^{today} ~~of course~~ are triumphant ~~over~~ that broadcast by ~~French~~ Marshal Petain yesterday. The German interpretation is that the French Chief of State unceremoniously rejected ^S ~~the~~ American tutelage and coldly rebuffed ^S ~~the~~ President Roosevelt's presumptuous lecturing about France's ideals. And they add that Petain has definitely approved the Fuehrer's generous offer of cooperation in his new Europe and the struggle against Bolshevism.

In London, an official statement describes Admiral Darlan as a dictator, placed in the strongest possible position for forcing on the French ~~pop~~ people measures of further surrender and collaboration with the axis.

~~At home~~ In Washington, ^{the} ~~the~~ official reaction is, ~~one of~~ silence. Secretary Hull declares that ~~in~~ he ^{will} ~~would~~ make no statement on our future relations with the French, until he has been able properly to analyze whatever new moves Vichy may make.

It is pointed out in Washington that there ^{is} ~~is~~ one point on which Marshal Petain remained obscure. ~~-That was~~ the position of General Weygnad, commande^r of the colonial forces in Africa. The Marshal did not make it clear whether Weygnad would have to

obey the Behest of Admiral Darlan, although Petain explicitly put
Darlan in full charge of all French defenses. ~~That's what~~ Washington
^{now} is waiting to ~~find out~~ ^{know}:- is Weygnad still the sole arbiter of
the actions of the French Colonial Armies in Africa? The United
States Government wants to learn for sure whether Germany is about
to use or is even actually now using Africa as a base of operations.
If such a thing happens, ~~the Roosevelt Government~~ ^{Washington} may possibly
break off relations with Vichy and recognize General De Gaulle. On
the other hand if ~~General~~ Weygand defies Vichy and resists the
encroachment of the axis, we ^{may} ~~might possibly~~ recognize him as the
head of the Free French ~~Government~~ Movement.

JAPAN

Japan was quiet today, but we are warned that it is just the calm before a storm. The warning is official, comes from a spokesman for the Mikado's Navy. ^{And} Anybody who underestimates the strength of Japan, ^{said he,} ~~he added,~~ is inviting unfortunate results. ^{He also} ~~and~~ ^{he} added ^a ~~one~~ significant sentence when he said that now is not the time to fuss over whether Japan ~~should~~ should enter the war. The people, he announced, must be prepared ^{for just that.}

The Japanese Navy spokesman refused to say what Japan would do about those four oil tankers that our government is planning to send to Vladivostok. The only official statement in Tokyo is on that ~~head~~ so far has been an expression of grave concern. At the same time, a Japanese dispatch from Hanoi in Indo-China ^{states} ~~reported~~ that all exports from Indo-China ^{have} ~~had~~ been forbidden except exports to Japan. A Japanese radio broadcast overheard in New York, ^{made the} claimed that the United States ^{has} ~~Government had~~ offered Military aid ^{Siam,} ~~the~~ to Thailand, ^{said the Japanese broadcast,} which had been ~~flatly~~ flatly refused. This came at the same time as the announcement in Washington that we are to send a new ~~xi~~ envoy to Bangkok, ~~the~~ Capital of Siam. The resignation of Minister Grant, now at Bangkok, has been accepted and he will soon return home. ^{But} Secretary Hull declared ⁵ ~~that~~ this had no bearing on the present ~~stormy~~ situation ^{in Southeastern Asia.}

ROOSEVELT

There's another flare-up of guessing about a meeting between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. There still is no official answer to the question of whether they met and if so where. Neither is there any official denial, ^{hence} ~~and that~~ ~~makes~~ the conjecturing ^{e is} all the livelier, ~~and all the more excited.~~ Not a word comes out of London about the whereabouts of the Prime Minister, who still is conspicuously absent from Downing Street .

In Washington it was believed more strongly than ever that the two great English-speaking heads of State have been conferring somewhere. And it is notable that Mr. Roosevelt, contrary to his practice on vacations, has this time not allowed the customary retinue of correspondents to be within even guessing distance. ^H The grapevine gossip is all the more active because of the acute situation in three different parts of the world. First of all, the crisis in the relations between Japan and the United States. Then, in France, the increased powers given to pro-German Admiral Darlan. And, of course, the Nazi sweep into the Ukraine.

The United Press Reports that ~~it~~ it has private advices which indicate the mystery will ^{no longer be a mystery} ~~be ended~~ by the ~~in~~ end of this week. ~~It may~~

^{Maybe} ~~be even~~ sooner. Washington believes that the President may land somewhere ~~on the coast of New England in a couple of days.~~ ^{day or so.}

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Guessing became still more feverish after a dispatch from London that the lord Privy Seal of Great Britain will make an important announcement tomorrow, ~~broadcast~~ *— to the British people.* by radio. The Lord Privy Seal, Clement Attlee, has been doing all the talking for Churchill in the absence of the Prime Minister.

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— There's also a rumor coming out of Washington that, when the President comes ashore, he will proclaim an important piece of news about defense. The leading article in tomorrow's issue of Time Magazine makes the positive statement that before he left, the President left orders for the drafting of a plan to completely rebuild the ~~defense~~ defense organization of the United States. The man entrusted with this job, says Time, is none other than Judge Samuel Rosenman of the New York Supreme Court. Sammy the Rose, as the president chattily calls him in private, is one of the ~~extremely~~ few left of the original brain trust of nineteen thirty-three. If this news in Time is confirmed, it will make Justice Rosenman one of the top men in the United States. Time declares that the President told Rosenman, the sky is the limit, *and that*

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he is ^{to be} ~~He has been~~ given a completely free hand to do anything
^{even}
he sees fit, discard all the existing defense agencies including
^{the} ~~even~~ O.P.M., and create a completely new structure from top to
bottom to get results for National Defense. ^{Also that one} ~~And one task~~
^{would be}
entrusted to Sammy the Rose ~~was~~ to devise a plan to wake the people
of the United States up to the urgency of the situation.

KNUDSEN

Director Knudsen was optimistic about war material today.

3 He made a ~~prophecy~~ prophecy that a year from now we will be hitting the peak of our production capacity. After that, said the Director

of O.P.M., America can write its own ticket on war material. And he added that this ticket will be twice what anybody else ~~is~~ ^{can do.}

Then he continued that by nineteen forty-three the United States will be producing thirty billion dollars worth of defense materials

TH a year. He followed this up with a plea. He urged the various, divers and sundry defense agencies of the government to stop

bickering among each other about who has power to do this and

who has power to do that. TH What manufacturers need is a minimum of Washington! ^{the} So says the Director of [^] Office of Production management.

MILITARY SERVICE

~~Naturally,~~ The ~~big~~ ^{of the day in this country} topic ~~today~~ is that one vote margin in the House last night, the one lone vote by which the Representatives passed the measure to prolong the ^{term of} Military Service. ~~Of course,~~ ^{And,} the Congressmen opposed to intervention are jubilant. They ~~were~~ ^{are} proclaiming today that such a one-vote victory shows clearly that if the President asked ~~asked~~ ⁵ Congress for a declaration of war, he ~~wouldn't~~ ^{won't} get it. So said Senator Wheeler of Montana. Representative Fish ^{of N.Y.} ~~declared~~ ^{added} that if the President attempts to put us in an undeclared war, there ~~could~~ ^{will} be no national unity and no appropriations by Congress to carry out such a personal war.

Democratic Representative Cox of Georgia went so far as to say that the closeness of that vote shows a lack of confidence in those ordered to conduct the affairs of the nation. And he ^{went on to} ~~explained~~ that the people feel their government has been taken away from them and delivered into the keeping of an alien minded group, wholly unfit for the job.

That aroused the indignation of Congressman Sabath of Illinois, who disputed Cox and said his opinion would be radioed by Hitler and his propaganda ^{voices} all over Germany and the occupied countries.

It will be used by Hitler, said Sabath, to weaken our National Defense and divide our country.

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Cox retorted bitterly that such a remark could only be expected from Sabath, considering what he knew about the association of A Sabath, with Communist groups.

Thereupon Sabath rose to a point of personal privilege and denied every word of what Cox had said. He declared that though he was not born in the United States, he was just as loyal an American as the gentleman from Georgia.

Georgia's Cox then ^{started} ~~came prancing~~ down the aisle and shouting, but the ^{of the House} ~~speaker~~ declined to recognize him. Later, upon Cox's own request, his remarks were stricken from the record.

President Roosevelt's Lieutenants had their fingers crossed and their prayers focused on the Senate ^{today.} They hope the Senate will agree to the Representatives' version of that ^{Military Service} ~~resolution~~, ~~It won't~~ which will go to the Senate ~~until~~ tomorrow, and only by quick action in the upper House ^{may send it on} ~~can it be sent~~ to the President to be ~~signed~~ signed before nightfall. ^{Indicating that those around} ~~And that seems to show~~ the President's ^{may} ~~friends~~ have information that he will be back in Washington tomorrow night.

LABOR

The heads of the War Department are worried about strikes.

In the middle of last week there were twenty-four of them, with fourteen thousand workers idle. This week there are thirty strikes with more than twenty-three thousand men out. The serious part of it is that several of these walkouts are holding up the manufacture of parts ~~for~~ for tanks and airplanes and, most serious of all, machine tools.

In one of them there is evidence of sabotage. ~~That is~~ ^{At} ~~at~~ Manwah, New Jersey, ⁱⁿ a factory making army test bombs and bomb casings, ^{where} It was found that sand had been poured into the machinery, fixtures broken and parts removed. ^{TP} ^{today} ~~The~~ union leaders ~~denied~~ that ^{could have been} this ~~was~~ done by any members of the union, ~~but F.B.I. men are~~ investigating.

President Roosevelt took an emphatic step today in connection with defense production. An executive order was issued from the White House which suspended the eight-hour day for mechanics and laborers employed by the War Department. The eight-hour day was part of the law of the land on all War Department projects, but with a provision that the President can suspend it in case of an

emergency. Secretary Steve Early explained that this order was necessary because it is essential that all military projects, particularly air fields, housing units, fortifications, ~~should~~ should be finished quickly. However, it is explained that men working longer than eight hours on war projects will get time-and-a-half for their overtime.

PRODUCTION

Here's an item that may be good news for small manufacturers.

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There[^] been complaint that all or most of the huge contracts for defense production have been given to the big corporations and that they have not turned ~~over~~ any part of the work over to sub-contractors. Accordingly, a reorganization was ordered by William S. Knudsen, Sidney Hillman, Secretary Knox and Secretary Stimson as heads of the Office of Production Management. They have set up the defense contract service as an independent bureau. It will be the job[^] of that agency to check all contracts. If the principal contractors cannot be persuaded to parcel out part of the work to sub-contractors they will be obliged to do so.

it is claimed because
This was made necessary ~~because~~ ^{because} ~~probably~~ several million workers will be without a job[^] next year if something of the sort is not done. In the first place, there will be shortages of materials in the making of products for civilians. Then again, President Roosevelt's recent order to the Federal Reserve Board to shut down on installment buying threatens a further dislocation. Therefore, it becomes imperative that sub-contracts shall be issued to the smaller factories.

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BRITISH RAID

8/2 The people of Berlin now have a better idea how Londoners felt after the big bombings of last year. Hitler's capital got a double dose air raid last night. British and Russian planes ^{River Spree} pounded the city on the ~~spree~~ for two hours. The British air ministry reports that as the planes flew back, they saw whole sections of Berlin in ~~xxx~~ flames. Fires that began as white points of light, ^{For} became a red glare beneath the clouds. Berlin was ~~literally~~ ^{TP and} blasted with high explosives and incendiary bombs. ^{The} Berliners have now experienced four raids in five nights.

But they weren't ^{not} the only ^{ones in} ~~people in Germany~~ Germany to ^{get a} ~~dose of bombing.~~ ^{suffer} For two nights and a day the British have been pounding

at the Reich and also at German occupied territory. ~~It was~~ The biggest air offensive of the war ^{against the Germans.} ~~on their side~~ Hundreds of bombers took part, some of them great flying fortresses built in

9 America. Almost five million pounds of explosive bombs were dropped on Hitler's ^{Reich.} ~~country.~~ In addition to Berlin, they raided Magdenburg,

Hanover; Essen, where the big Krupp works are; Osnabruck, Cologne,

and Germany's Great North Sea Port, ^{of} Bremen. Some of the planes

9 1/4 even attacked Stettin, the Nazi harbor on the Baltic. ^{And now Hugh}