

RUSSIA

L.J. - ~~Senoco~~. Monday, Sept. 21, 1942. *Cannon*

The important news from Stalingrad is that the Red Army has brought up railroad artillery and armored trains to fight back against the heavy Nazi siege guns and air fleets that have been bombarding the

battered city. Moscow reports ~~that~~ that the railroad guns have been making ^a thundering reply to the long range cannon of the Germans. ^{That} ~~And~~ the armored trains have laid down a withering fire, ~~They have~~ concentrated ^{ing} on the points that the Germans have ^{hastily} ~~hitherto~~ fortified. This bombardment, they say, is the most tremendous yet in all the history of war.

Portions
~~Portions~~ of the beleaguered city are blazing.

The only comment of the Nazis on the siege of Stalingrad is that the Germans and the Reds are fighting in all parts of the city. Every house ~~is~~ a fortress.

TR The Nazis also claim to have captured two places called Terek and Vladivorovsk in the Russian Caucasus.

A British spokesman today pointed out that Nazi propaganda is talking about Stalingrad today just

as it talked about London in Nineteen Forty. Two
years ago they said the British were ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{licked} but did
not know it. ^{and} Britain still stands intact. Today
the Nazis announce that the Russians at Stalingrad
are beaten but do not know it. [The Berlin propaganda
shows an obvious exasperation. Evidently the
defense of Stalingrad has been ^{an} ~~as~~ unexpected and,
to the German ^{s a} /disastrous delay ^{to} ~~in~~ their plans. Last
Wednesday they broadcast that a special announcement
was about to be made concerning Stalingrad. The
German people were led to believe that the city was to
fall. But it has not fallen yet.

BRITISH NAVY

Here is a sequel to the announcement of King George's Admiralty, the news that the British have been building warships with such speed that they have replaced all the losses they ~~have~~ sustained since Nineteen Forty. It was pointed out today that one particularly important inference is to be drawn from *communiqué*, that, [^] It means that the Royal Navy now has two modern, brand ~~spanky~~-new battleships. They are the thirty-five thousand ton super-dreadnaughts H.M.S. ANSON and H.M.S. HOWE. *Which is* ^{for} ~~That is really~~ welcome news; ~~and~~ the British Navy ~~really~~ ³ needed those battle wagons.

SOLOMONS



Our marines in the Solomons have a new watchword. "Never give a Jap a break." So we hear from Lieutenant James J. Dwyer, Jr., of the Marine Corps. Our leathernecks learned ^{this} ~~it~~ after two weary weeks of battling on Guadalcanal. Among the Jap tricks ^{one} is to play dead and wait until our men come along to give first aid to the enemy wounded. Then, as a gentle samurai gesture, the Japs throw hand grenades. But, says Lieutenant Dwyer, our marines have learned to give and take.

An American correspondent obtained Lieutenant Dwyer's day by day account of the fighting since they landed on the beach of Guadalcanal.

It makes fascinating reading. Some of it reads like

this: - "August Seventh - At the fixed zero hour we landed on the beach of Guadalcanal Island. I saw no Japs at that time. We got our batteries into

position at the edge of a coconut grove."

"August Ninth - We have determined definitely that the enemy went back into the hills.

"August Tenth - The Japs apparently infiltrated all artillery positions last night, causing us to fire all night.) "Tracers from automatic weapons whistled over me, all night, and not more than five feet off the ground." The Japs crawled out of high grass shortly before dawn. The marines noticed one peculiar thing. The Japs were invariably almost undressed when captured.

"August Eleventh - We continued to improve our positions to defend the beachhead we established. There was more tapping. Apparently the Japs were ~~signally~~ signalling, by tapping pebbles together. Each of them carries two stones in a bag tied around his neck. By infiltration of our positions they hoped to accomplish three things:-

first, to ascertain our strength; second, to cause us to waste ammunition; and third, to harrass us, prevent us from sleeping, make us jittery and cause us to shoot our own men."

"August Twelfth:- The usual daily patrols were sent out to round up the Japs. They were a hungry looking bunch. They admitted our attack on the Solomons was a surprise."

"August Fifteenth - We had our first hot meal since we landed and it really tasted good. Bacon, powdered eggs and coffee. ~~(We now expect the landing of fresh enemy troops to recapture Guadalcanal. We are on the alert.)~~

"August Twentieth - Preparations were made for an enemy landing. Captain|Charlie Brush took out a patrol and encountered fifteen Japs in rubber boats. He x killed all fifteen and lost three of his own men.

Our fighter planes came in this afternoon. We were certainly mighty glad to see those people."

The entry of August twenty-first mentions tanks.

I QUOTE: "We ~~xxxxxxx~~ trapped about a hundred Japs in a ravine, whereupon our tanks wiped out the remaining enemy either by gunfire or simply by running over them.

~~Approximately six hundred and seventy-five Japs were killed and a few taken prisoner.~~ They were commandos

and they certainly looked it since about half of them were well built and about six feet tall. As for their fighting, they fought like demons. Some of them

acted as though they had been doped. They loaded

themselves with mines and hand grenades and ran right

into machine gun positions. When it was obvious to

us that they were licked, they would not surrender.

The prisoners told us it was a disgrace to be captured."

And it adds: "They are very dirty fighters!"

They ~~xx~~ like to pretend they're dead when they fall.

They catch you off guard."

And Lieutenant Dwyer repeats:- "The Japs
just cannot be given a break."

INDIA

^{In} The sub-continent of India ^{where} today was fairly quiet, ~~as a whole~~ ^{so} we are told, ~~But~~ there was ^a ~~one~~ strike with a serio-comic slant. The students at Karachi College in west India have been ~~on strike as a~~ demonstration against the British ^{well today} ~~government~~. The principal and professors ^{at that} college became bored with doing nothing ^{and} ~~So they~~ notified the undergraduates that unless they returned to their classes at once, the faculty ~~themselves~~ ^{Whereupon} would go on a hunger strike. ~~To that~~ the students replied that if the professors went on a hunger strike, so would they, the students. ^{They'd} ~~also~~ ^{all starve} — to spite the British Raj. ^{Then} Both strikes began. ^{So} they had a conference, ^{which went on for} ~~After that had been going on for several~~ hours, the ^{When} ~~they~~ ^{they} leaders of both groups came out for lunch and said ~~that~~ the members of the faculty had agreed not to fast. ^{now} ~~and~~ ^{So, they all decided not to starve} the students ~~had~~ agreed not to counter-fast. ^{But} at latest reports they were still arguing.

[^] I [^] ~~have~~ just been learning [^] ~~a lot that~~ [^] I did not

know about India from ~~reading~~ a book called "Foreign

Devil" by Gordon Enders. ~~That is,~~ Major Gordon Enders,

^{is} our military attache, [^] ~~at the Post of Afghanistan,~~ [^] ~~in~~

Kabul.

~~Gordon~~ Enders has had as fantastic a career as

~~any American I have ever heard of.~~ He was ~~born~~ born in

Iowa, the son of a Presbyterian minister, his father

became a missionary to India, [^] ~~and~~ took his family. [^] ~~with~~

~~him.~~ So Young Gordon ~~Enders~~ grew up [^] ~~almost in the~~ [^] ~~shadow of~~ the mountains of Tibet. In fact he was taken

into Tibet when still a lad. [^] ~~He~~ became a flyer in the

World War, [^] ~~and,~~ [^] ~~then,~~ went to China. [^] ~~After various other~~

[^] ~~jobs he began to sell~~ airplanes, and, [^] ~~then~~ became an

aviation advisor to Chiang Kai-shek. Later still, he

became confidential advisor to the Panchan Lama, of

Tibet.

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One ~~fact~~ he learned about India while still a boy
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has a peculiar application to what we ^{today} are fighting for.
The caste system in India, he found, was nothing but
religious totalitarianism, gone to seed.

Another thing Gordon Enders learned runs
counter to everything we used to hear about Asia. *That*
+ There is no such thing as "the mystery of the East."
says he,
~~he says,~~ The inhabitants of Asia are just people *like*
the rest of us. No different.
Only we think they are.

PLANES

Here is an interesting sidelight on the reports that our American planes are not as good as they might be. It [']is a story from London, a report on German planes. British air experts declare that the Nazis today are fighting with only modified models of the planes they used at the very start. This ⁱⁿ ~~is described~~ ~~as~~ a contrast to the policy of the Allies who are constantly bringing out new types. The latest Messerschmitts, Heinkels and Junkers, the experts declare, are merely ~~later~~ developments of the earlier Messerschmitts, ~~xx~~ Heinkels and Junkers.

VIERECK

The appeal of George Sylvester Viereck was turned down ~~by one of the higher courts today.~~ Viereck, ~~you may recall,~~ was editor of the pro-German FATHERLAND, during the last war, He is now serving a two-to-six year term. He was convicted of having been an agent of the German government and not being ~~xxx~~ as candid as he should have been with the State Department. He appealed. The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia ^{now} decides against him. His pro-Nazi propaganda work, says the court, went far beyond what he had told the State Department when he registered.

argument was dropped for the time being, but it will come up again later.

It became more ^{apparent} than ever ~~obvious~~ today that

this farm parity business cannot be kept quiet.

Senator Prentiss Brown of Michigan ^{prophesied} ~~made the prophecy~~

that whatever Congress does, it will be necessary to allow farm prices to rise anywhere from three to five per cent within the next year. The Michigan Senator speaks for the administration. He explained:- "There is no doubt that the farm labor situation and the labor situation in some other fields, will require some readjustment in prices." And he added:- "If we keep farm prices from rising any more than from

three to five per cent, it will be a great achievement.

With ^{which} ~~that~~ Senator McNary of Oregon ^{said he} ~~agreed~~ ^{heartily,} ~~emphatically.~~

The lawmakers have only nine more calendar days to go to complete that bill within the time limit

set by the President. *Which will take* ~~Everybody agrees it will be tough~~
~~going~~ *some doing.*

Meanwhile, Leon Henderson's Office of Price Administration is busy at work on a new regulation. The purpose ~~of it~~ is partly to help retailers, also to put an end to food shortages in certain lines.

In its general price regulation, the O.P.A. had set a ceiling which worked hardships on the retailers and distributors, for the ceilings did not apply to producers. The consequence was that the distributors had to pay higher prices to producers *but were themselves* ~~who were~~ held down on what they could charge to the consumer. In many cases that washed out their profit margins entirely. The further consequence was that they refused to carry *such* ~~the~~ products, ~~that were so affected.~~

The still further consequence was that housewives were beginning to find shortages.

^{is}
It ~~was~~ that condition on which the experts of
Experts of the O.P.A.,
~~the O.P.A. are at work. They~~ hope to have everything
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ironed out on a more equitable basis early in October.

However, they admit that it will raise the cost of living slightly. That ^{'s} is the word they use, "slightly."

PETRILLO

A sub-committee of Senators heard evidence today about James Petrillo, boss of ~~all~~ the musicians ^{of} in America. Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold made the charge that Petrillo's actions amount to an attack on industrial freedom. ~~Arnold was talking~~
He meant Petrillo's
~~specifically about the prohibition~~ ^{ing} ~~issued by Petrillo~~
~~against~~ ^A the making of transcriptions and records.

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Thurman Arnold said he was talking for the Department of Justice and he used these words:- "We regard a handicap on industrial progress by preventing the use of improved mechanical equipment as an attack on industrial freedom."

Arnold then went on to deal with Petrillo's behavior in forbidding school orchestras to broadcast. And he said: "We regard an attack upon amateur performances as an attack on individual freedom of expression." And he continued:- "It is like a demand

that farmers should not be permitted to harvest their own crops or house owners ~~to~~ repair their own buildings."

"What Petrillo has done," he continued, "is an attempt to coerce employers to use unnecessary and useless labor. The Federation of Musicians ^{he said,} is also trying to destroy independent radio stations, small restaurants and hotels as well as manufacturers of phonograph records and electrical transcriptions."

The President of a chamber of commerce in Florida testified that one act of Petrillo's in his part of the country had cut short campaigns to sell bonds.

BASEBALL

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If the Cardinals win the pennant, one of their pitchers will find himself in a difficult spot. And I don't mean the moment when he has to make his first pitch to Joe DeMaggio, *either.* Here is the story:—

Six years ago, Nig Beazley of the Cardinals ⁵ was *Just a lad* ~~a schoolboy~~ playing on the high school team, at Nashville, Tennessee. He got into some kind of an argument with four of his teammates, evidently a bet. For the outcome of the argument was that Nig Beazley signed a promissory note which reads:— "I promise to send tickets to the first World Series I pitch to Wop Elliott, Bill Riggins and Joe Howard. Signed Johnny Beazley."

As the Cardinals ~~this morning~~ were two-and-a-half games ahead of the Brooklyn ^{*Dodgers,*} ~~Bums,~~ it begins to look as though Johnny Beazley would have to make good *on that note. And there* ~~that promissory note. That~~ is where the trouble comes in.

The New York Yankees announced today that every seat

and all the boxes ^{for} of the World Series at the Yankee Stadium are sold out. [^] ~~That will be all right~~ [^] as far as it concerns one of Beazley's high school teammates.

~~That one is~~ ^{Farther} in the Army Air Corps. But, the other two are in civil ~~ian~~ employ in Nashville.

We do ~~not~~ ^{yet} know whether the Cardinals ⁵ are any closer to being in that World Series. ^{But} This morning they were two and a half games ahead of the [^] ~~Brooklyn~~ ^{Dodgers,} ~~Bums. The Bums,~~ ^{who} this afternoon played the Phillies at Ebbetts Field and ~~they~~ took the game, three to one.

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The Cardinals are playing the Pittsburgh Pirates at St. Louis. ^{The score?} ~~and it is too early yet for us to know the final score.~~ ^{Here it is.} Just in. The Cards won again — 2 to 1. So they're still 2½ games ahead.

MANPOWER

Here comes one of the war measures we have all been looking for - universal conscription. And that really means everybody. The experience of all ~~belligerent~~ belligerent countries shows that total war cannot be won without it. The bill was introduced into the Senate today by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama. It contains this clause: "In any war in which the United States is now engaged, there shall be universal service of all citizens." And it adds: "Also there shall be total mobilization of all the material resources, industrial organizations and services of its citizens."

The bill would give the President power to determine, proclaim and select all such resources, organizations and services.

The only bit of surprise in Lister Hill's bill is the clause providing for universal service. The Alabama Senator has been talking about doing this for

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some time. But he told newspapermen that his act would not call for the drafting of labor. ^{Which, he} ~~That, he~~ said, would amount to involuntary servitude. However, there could ^{hardly be a} ~~be no~~ more sweeping mobilization than universal service as the Lister Hill bill provides.

It had been rumored that Hill was acting on his own initiative, that this was not an organization measure. But he is the Democratic whip in the Senate, so it is hardly likely that he is acting against the wishes of the White House.

While Senator Hill of Alabama was introducing his bill for universal conscription, the ^{American} Legion convention ^{today} was adopting a strong resolution in its favor. In fact, the Legion went even further. It called for the immediate drafting of all lads eighteen and nineteen years old.

The Legion then went on to look into the future. They demanded that even after the war, all American males should have at least one year of military training before reaching their twenty-second birthdays. They further want a post-war army, navy and air force which will be strong enough to cope with any further eventuality after the war is won.

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LEGION

Only forty per cent of our production facilities are being used for war. That ^{is} what Production Chief Donald Nelson told the American Legion Convention at Kansas City today. He warned the Legionnaires that by the middle of next year it will have to be raised to sixty per cent. So far, he said, we have been living on our fat. And then he added:- "Believe me, in another year we are not going to have an ounce of fat left.

8th We will be down to bone and muscle, because that is what we must do in order to win." *So said*

Donald Nelson ^{*adding that he*} wanted to emphasize one point

particularly, ~~He said he was talking~~ to farmers,

to labor, to business, to professional men, ^{*That*} ~~and the~~

^{*being!*} — point ~~is~~ "The needs of your country come first now

and the needs of your group come second." ^{*Then he*} ~~To which he~~

went on to say! — ~~added:~~ "The first and most important contribution you

can make to unity and to victory is to recognize that

fact." *That our country comes first with which we all agree don't we*