

BRITAIN

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The British Government today issued a warning to Britons. ~~What kind of warning?~~ The Air Ministry made a statement that the Nazi air force is rushing a construction program of high speed long range bombers, bombers doing three hundred and fifteen miles an hour. Hitler will soon have a large fleet of these swift sky giants. And the London Air Ministry continues with these words:- "With this weapon in his hands," says the statement, "it seems unlikely that the enemy will capitulate without attempting a desperate onslaught against Britain's vital targets."

So there's the warning. The possibility that Nazi Germany may make a tremendous assault through the air.

FINLAND

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Finland today offered to negotiate with Soviet Russia - but that can hardly be construed as a move for peace. President Kallio, addressing the Finnish Parliament, spoke these words:-
"We are ready to negotiate an honorable peace," said he. But there was nothing in anything else he said which indicated that he had the slightest belief that the Soviets might be willing to negotiate. In fact he accompanied his own declaration with a stern afterthought, "The rulers of the Soviet ⁿ~~union,~~" said he, "know very little of the Finnish people if they think ~~our~~ ^{we} people will submit to their decrees and doctrines."

Indeed, the President of Finland devoted much of his address to ^{indications} ~~indications~~ of continued war-- as when he asked other nations to help Finland, ^{He} ~~and~~ stressed the grave need for immediate aid. These statements made by President Kallio are a reflection of the war situation - the Finns victorious time after time. But ~~they~~ are so few and the millions of Soviet Russia are so many. The course of battle now seems to be that the Red Army is pursuing a consistent policy of trying to wear the Finns down, with a continuous offensive. ~~Under the conditions of the~~

FINLAND SUPPORT

Support for Finland in Washington is still in the argument stage. Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi introduced a resolution today calling for the adoption of his pet idea. The Senator thinks that money to help Finland should be raised in this country by private means, by the flotation of bonds, issued by the government of Finland - this bond-issue to be sold to the American public. The resolution recommends that Congress call upon the Securities and Exchange Commission to okay Finland bonds.

NARCOTICS

~~Any mighty phenomenon is always likely to have strange and unexpected results on the side -- like the war in Europe. Today we hear that~~ The conflict abroad is having one exceedingly strange and unexpected result over here in this country - it's proving to be a benefit to drug addicts. This comes on the authority of Major Garland Williams, in charge of narcotics enforcement in New York. He tells us how the war has impeded the smuggling of dope into the United States, ~~has drastically cut down the amount sneaked in by the criminal peddlers of the soul-destroying stuff.~~ In consequence, the price of dope has doubled and redoubled.

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What have the underworld drug peddlers been doing about ~~that?~~ ^{it?} They've been cutting the drugs more and more, faking, dilluting. For example - right now they're cutting heroin forty or fifty times. The substance they use for dilluting the narcotic is sugar of milk. So the heroin they're selling contains forty or fifty grains of sugar of milk for every grain of the drug. And they get huge prices for that swindle.

As a result of the ~~consequently~~ ^{constantly} increasing dillution, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ addicts have been unconsciously cutting down their ~~drug taking~~ ^{drug taking} - a sort of unwitting cure.

A.F. OF L.

The council of ^{the} American Federation of Labor today announced the policy ^{that} the AF of L. will take in the coming presidential election. It's the traditional policy of the Federation -- no blanket endorsement of either party. The A. F. of L. will use its influence to see that presidential candidates sympathetic to labor are selected. But it won't endorse any party.

Along with this the A. F. of L. takes its customary shot at the C.I.O. ★ The Federation Council uses the melodramatic term -- "kiss of death." ~~It~~ It declares that ~~xx~~ when a political candidate accepts the support of the C.I.O. and John L. Lewis he "places himself in bondage;" ~~The blessing of John L. Lewis and the C.I.O.~~ ~~is~~ a "political kiss of death," says the A. F. of L.

HINES

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The New York Tammany leader, James J. Hines, will have another appeal. Convicted of complicity in the Dutch Schultz policy racket, and turned down in an appeal to the Appellate Division of the New York Courts, Hines went to a still higher state tribunal. He asked the Court of Appeals to consider his case, and today the court said - yes, he'd be allowed to present his argument. During this next process of appeal, Jimmy Hines will remain at liberty - on ~~appeal~~ *bail*.

SWINDLE

In New York five men were indicted today, charged with a swindle game ^{of} a most imposing ^{magnitude.} ~~appearance.~~ The defendants include a former Deputy Insurance Commissioner for the State of New York, a former Stock broker and a certified public accountant. The prosecution charges that their scheme was to rig up a fictitious corporation, a concern that had no actual existence at all. They represent this mythical company as being worth six million dollars. It supposedly issued securities and these fraudulent stocks and bonds they used as collateral in negotiating loans from banks and insurance companies, ~~and other financial institutions.~~ They are said to have had pledges for nine hundred thousand dollars worth of loans.

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The con game is described ^{as} ~~by~~ having some mighty high-filuttin details. The certified public accountant was taken into the scheme because of his skill in drawing up intricate financial statements to show the ~~financial~~ stability of the non-existent company. He prepared the statements in such a complicated way they they could hardly be figured out -- but they looked impressive. The prosecution charges that there was day and night work for five days -- fixing

up three thousand bonds, adorning them with the kind of seals and signatures to look right. And here's the climax. The schemers ^{are} ~~have~~ said to have transported ^{their} ~~a lot of~~ worthless securities in an armored truck, the utmost precaution against robbery, armed guards and all. This -- was a lot of stage managing to impress the financial institutions to whom they took the worthless papers. According to the indictments, ~~the~~ it seems like swindling a la Belasco.

DR. CONRAD

L.T.:- Tonight the American Institute of the City of New York is awarding its gold medal to a pioneer of radio. He is Dr. Frank Conrad, ^{one of the scientists of} ~~Assistant Chief Engineer of the Westinghouse, Electric and Manufacturing Company.~~ His pioneering had to do with short wave. He's here in the studio now, and I'm going to ask him a question or two about the beginning of short wave broadcasting. How did you get interested in it, Dr. Conrad?

DR. CONRAD:- In the early days of radio, I did a lot of listening and noticed that often I could hear a voice on a station shorter than that assigned to it. I soon realized that I was hearing a harmonic of a regular broadcast wave - a kind of echo. These were short waves, and I concluded that they offered possibilities of long distance transmission. I started a series of experimental short wave broadcasts between our station at Pittsburgh and listeners three to five hundred miles away. This distance was increased, until our signals were being received in Europe.

L.T.:- When was it really proved that radio reception across the ocean was possible?

DR. CONRAD:- That's quite a story. Early in the Nineteen Twenties, a conference of ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ radio companies was held in London to discuss a proposed radio link between Great Britain and South America. The opinion was expressed that short waves were not likely to be of any value in radio. So one night I invited a number of delegates to my room and there I unpacked a short wave receiver that I had brought with me from Pittsburgh. Tying a wire to a curtain rod for an aerial, I ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{tuned in} on our Pittsburgh station - and ~~xxxx~~ without any difficulty ~~got~~ got our Pittsburgh announcer. The delegates were hearing their first trans-Atlantic short wave broadcast, and also the greatest number of words sent over the ocean by radio up to that time.

L.T.:- That certainly was pioneering, Dr. Conrad - we all know how short wave has expanded, until it's a dominant factor in radio today. Tonight a pioneer's medal goes to a pioneer indeed.

BARRYMORE

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The New York theatre and night club set is buzzing with gossip today. Who will prevail in the affections of John Barrymore - daughter or ex-wife? ^{FF} The magnificent though aging Barrymore made his much heralded return to Broadway last night - a return after seventeen years. He opened in his play, "My Dear Children." All sorts of Barrymore eccentricities had been expected. There was one eccentricity, but not Barrymore's. While John was making a speech between the acts, some guy dressed as Hamlet leaped on the stage. "I'm Hamlet's ghost," he cried, and tried to embrace Barrymore. But the great Barrymore does not fancy the embraces of ghosts.

At the end of the performance, one person who failed to get into the Barrymore dressing room to offer congratulations, was his former wife, Elaine Barrie, the heroine of the romance when he was Caliban and she was Areal. Elaine was kept out of the dressing room by John's daughter, Diana Barrymore Blythe. She's the progeny of Barrymore and the society poetress of yesteryear, Michael Strange. The ex-wife, ^{the} _{^ ^} and former Areal, in no wise daunted, went to the night club where she knew the Barrymores

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had a table arranged. There the proud daughter sat beside her
equally proud father, but alas the proud daughter got up to
dance, and while she was away from the table, the equally proud
ex-wife slid into her place. And when she returned, there were
in a tete-a-tete.
John and Elaine. Whereupon the not-so-proud daughter went home.

Meanwhile the ghost of Hamlet was being locked up
in the police station.

SERENADE

When in Spanish lands a caballero serenades his lady,
Ah, you know how it is, Senor. He is full of sentiment -
he is full of fire. Do not interrupt a caballero when he ~~XXXXXXXX~~
strums his guitar and sings his love song.

At Chihuahua City in Mexico, Lieutenant Jose Martinez
of the Chihuahua military garrison, was in love with a beautiful
senorita. He saw her, he sighed, and he made passionate advances -
the way you make them according to old Spanish custom. At night
he took his guitar, placed himself beneath the window of his love,
and sang a serenade.

He was singing soulfully when the chief of police came
along. The chief went politely to the lieutenant and said:-

"Ah senor, your permit."

"Permit?" exclaimed the lovelorn lieutenant.

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The chief of police explained - "But, yes." It seems
there is a law, a most unromantic law, which requires that a
caballero must get out a permit before he is permitted to serenade
his senorita. A "lovesick-serenading-permit", something like a
peddler's permit or a dog license.

The response of the enamored lieutenant was emphatic. He pulled out his pistol, and shot the chief of police. Well, one shouldn't interrupt a cabellero as he serenades the lady of his heart.

At last reports the chief of police was lying critically wounded in a hospital. The romantic lieutenant has fled to the hills, possibly intending to take up the career of a bandit - a la Pancho Villa.

*Our heart goes out to the
Cabellero.*

COLUMBUS

We all know that - "In Fourteen Hundred and Ninety-two, Columbo sailed the ocean blue." Or do we know it? The debunking school of historians has been casting doubt on everything - with the discoverer of America getting more than his share of the doubt.

~~Everything about Columbus has been subject to skepticism, until it seemed none too certain that he really did sail the ocean blue, and that it was in Fourteen Hundred and Ninety Two.~~

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Now, however, we ^{have a report of an} ~~can set our minds at rest according~~
~~to an account that breaks into the news today. It's a report of an~~
expedition sponsored by Harvard, an expedition headed by Professor Samuel Eliot Morison. A group of investigators set out in two sailing ships to retrace the voyages of Columbus, ~~sailed just as he did, then checked from observations against the stories related by the great navigator. They returned today after their long voyaging, and their verdict is - Columbus was right.~~

They began their investigation by a study of everything that Columbus said about his travels to America. They inspected historical records in Italy. They went to Portugal and Spain, looking up Columbian data. Then they sailed and retraced the memorable route

of the discoverery. And they report that the account Columbus gave checks okay ^{to} ~~with~~ the smallest detail.

At Jamaica in the West Indies, they noted that the seaweed inside ~~of~~ St. Ann's Bay was browner than it was outside in the ocean. That's ~~exactly~~ what Columbus wrote ~~down~~ in his account. The discoverer made observation of some sort of horse beans he found. The expedition brought ~~back~~ a quantity of these ^{same} ~~horse~~ beans. ^{at} ~~on~~ Coro Island, in the Azores, Columbus set his course homeward by referring to a formation of rock which had the shape of a man on a horse. The expedition found ^{same} that horseman rock.

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Columbus said that in the Canary Islands the natives used what he called "a whistling language." That sounded amazing, if not fantastic, whistle talk! The Harvard expedition looked into that and found that even today in the Canary Islands the people called "Guanches" ^{communicate with} ~~call to~~ each other in shrilling tones - whistling. They heard one native calling ⁱⁿ whistle talk to another ~~one~~ five miles away, saying, "Hurry up with the wine." And the other whistled back - ~~"The wine"~~ the wine would be delivered pronto.

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Professor Morison states today that the result of
the Admiral of the Ocean Sea, Don
their studies vindicates the veracity of ~~Christopher Columbus,~~
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and negatives the debunking idea that ^{Columbus'} ~~his~~ accounts are
untrustworthy. To the supposition that the discoverer of America
~~was~~
~~is~~ not all that he claimed to be, the professor replies -
nonsense. He summarizes the result of the expedition ~~finally~~
~~finally~~ in these words:- "Columbus," ~~says he,~~ "was a great
seaman who navigated by dead reckoning. Or, as the old Yankee
skippers used to say, 'By guess and by God.'"

So Columbus ^o did sail the ocean blue and he knew the
world was round yo-ho, ~~and the debunkers are debunked.~~

And here's Hugh, yo-ho:

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