

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The latest is--still another island captured. Another one of the bits of land that form the Kwajalein Atoll has been siezed by American troops. This was announced in tonight's late bulletin from Admiral Nimitz.

The island is Ebeye, which is just north of Kwajalein Island. The Americans landed without opposition, then ran to some fighting and proceeded to take the place. The fall of Ebeye resulted in immediate ~~a~~ capture of two islets--lying between Ebeye and Kwajalein. All of which means that our troops are moving up along the eastern fringe of the atoll--the Seventh Infantry doing the job.

On Kwajalein Island itself, only one desperately resisting party of Japs remains to be subdued.

## MARSHALLS

They are described as half-crazed, and a similar description applies to all the Japanese garrisons that have already been destroyed. They were driven half mad by the incessant bombardments hurled by warships, bombing planes, and land based artillery.


The destruction is described as fantastic - big coastal guns twisted crazily, buildings pulverized, groves of palm trees ripped to shreds, standing like grotesques of havoc. "The Japs as usual," says tonight's United Press dispatch, "were tough." Shocked and dazed as they were, some crawled through the night and got into pill boxes behind the American forces - where they had to be rooted out. Others tried to get through the encirclement, but couldn't make it - ~~and~~ <sup>IP</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>TP</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>B</sup> and were shot down. Battle hardened marines are quoted as saying that they were disgusted with the task of destroying Japs who ~~harbor~~ <sup>were</sup> on the borderline of insanity. And that's a vivid hint of the stupendous violence of the bombardment.

Today United States Commander, Admiral Turner, ~~xxx~~ speaking of the virtual capture of Kwajalein, is quoted as saying: "Our ~~gxxx~~ gains are important,



and they haven't cost us much as yet. Maybe we had too many men on too many ships for this job. But," he added, "I prefer to do things that way. It meant many lives saved for us, and it should be a discouragement to the Japanese everywhere - to know that when we hit, we really hit hard and for keeps."

*TP* To which we can only echo that the capture of Kwajalein Atol<sup>l</sup> looks like an unexpectedly brilliant success.





## FOLLOW MARSHALLS

Today the great lagoon of Kwajalein, the largest atoll lagoon in the world, was a harbor for American warships and transports. These streamed into what had been a major naval station for the Japanese fleet.

And Late news tonight tells us that Admiral Nimitz has issued his first proclamation as military governor. Putting the final seal of formality on the conquest of Kwajalein, he proclaims the abolition of the Mikado's powers, phrasing it in these words:- "exercise of Emperor Hirohito's powers is suspended".

~~to put~~ Suspended! To put it mildly!

## NEW GUINEA

Another big Allied air ~~xxxx~~ victory in the New Guinea theater of war. This time eighty Japanese planes were destroyed. That's a lot, but it doesn't mean any great ~~series of~~ <sup>sky</sup> American victories in <sup>combat.</sup> ~~the~~

~~sky~~ Only eight enemy planes were shot down, while <sup>the other</sup> ~~xxxxxx~~ seventy-two were caught on the ground, and smashed before they could get into the air. <sup>TP</sup> It was

the most crushing blow dealt to Japanese air power since November last ~~xxxx~~ year when eighty-eight Jap aircraft were destroyed. <sup>TP</sup> <sup>Also,</sup> ~~on the ground~~ in the

Southwest Pacific, <sup>a</sup> striking Allied success was scored on Bougainville -- when our <sup>ground</sup> troops drove clear across the island. Tonight's dispatch states:- Our patrols

crossed Bougainville on Wednesday, and reached a point within five miles of Numa-Numa on the <sup>east</sup> ~~east-west~~ coast. Numa-numa! ~~that's~~ another ~~one for your book~~ of ~~odd and~~ exotic names.

## BLOCKADE RUNNERS

Three more German blockade runners have been sent to the bottom. - <sup>50</sup> this was announced by the Navy today. They ~~were~~ <sup>^</sup> Big cargo vessels that ~~had~~ stocked up with valuable war materials from the Far East - ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> the Japs trying to send ~~supplies~~ to their Nazi pals.

The three ships were crammed with thousands of tons of rubber, tin, fats and strategic metals, and they started out to run the blockade to Germany. The course they took was across the Pacific and around Cape Horn - and they got that far, navigating safely through the vast areas of the Southern Pacific.

But at Cape Horn; American ships and patrol planes were on guard, and the blockade runners were spotted. In each case, the German crews tried to scuttle their ships; but <sup>vessels</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>^</sup> were shattered by American gunfire. Why the gunfire? Why not just let them be scuttled and sink?



Well, there was a purpose. The story today tells how hundreds of tons of rubber were salvaged by the Americans. ~~The~~ Ship split open by <sup>gun</sup>~~shell~~ fire, the rubber drifted off. And, we certainly can use it, those hundreds of tons of rubber which the Japs, having seized the rubber-producing areas of the East, then proceeded to send our way.

## AIR WAR

A tremendous American air fleet struck a devastating blow against a Number One objective today, Frankfurt, the great German industrial and rail center.

There were eleven hundred heavy bombers and fighters in the air-mada-and they ran into the heaviest kind of opposition. German fighter planes flocked to the attack, but did not do so well. But the flak was, in the words of one veteran pilot-----

"the worst I have ever seen." First Lieutenant Richard W Wolf of Stillwater, Oklahoma, describes the anti-aircraft fire in these words: "Flak would burst alongside us and the black bursts would be carried by the high wind right along with us, mingling with new bursts - until there was a solid carpet of the stuff."

The anti-aircraft fire, in fact, was so intense that the enemy, himself, was burned by it. Returning Americans tell how German fighter planes were hit by their own anti-aircraft barrage, and at least one was shot down by the ground gunners.

<sup>bombing</sup>  
The damage inflicted was devastating, with Sergeant Daniel Greene, of McAlpin, Florida, giving the following vivid description: "I got a look at the target through a cloud <sup>break</sup> ~~burst~~ and our incendiaries were all over the place; - <sup>sweeping</sup> ~~and~~ fires ~~sweep~~ up and down the entire section. The whole target area," says he,



## AIR WAR

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## ITALY

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and heavy air attack. In recent days, the German air arm had been little in evidence, but now enemy bombing and strafing planes appeared in force to support the counter-attacks. These consisted of lunging drives by tanks and infantry-and the turmoil of desperate battle was on.

The Nazis claim to have broken through and encircled segments of British and Americans. But today's official communique from the fighting front declares that all four counter-attacks have been beaten back with heavy losses.

And there is violent action to the south-in that much fought over area of Cassino. American troops were fighting in the town of Cassino today battling their way through the streets. They were driven out, but surged back in again-the initiative changing hands twice. The street fighting is accompanied by a terrifying artillery fire. German guns are shelling our troops in the northern end of



the town, while American cannon are hurling tons of high explosives into the Nazi positions at the southern end of Cassino.

Last night is described by American troops as a nightmare of cannonading, with <sup>the</sup> Germans hurling shells so big that they, in the words of American soldiers, "sang like harmonicas." But in spite of the inferno, the Americans are hanging on and pushing forward.

## LEAD RUSSIA

The late news from Russia tonight ~~xxxx~~ tells of a dramatic scene -- a sudden silence. For five days the big guns of the Red Army had been thundering incessantly. Then all was quiet. And two parties of Russian soldiers rushed toward each other <sup>with</sup> ~~in~~ shouts of triumph. -- <sup>Meaning</sup> a joining of forces which completed a ring around one hundred thousand Germans trapped in a pocket along the middle Dnieper. As things look ~~in~~ the Moscow dispatches, the Nazis are tangled in another great disaster in Russia -- ten divisions encircled and facing annihilation.

## RUSSIA

Moscow reports what it calls "a battle of annihilation." This is being fought in the area of the middle Dnieper - where a hundred thousand Germans have been trapped in a pocket. The Germans themselves give a halfway confirmation of the desperate plight of their ten divisions encircled in the sector of a thousand square miles - that's how huge the trap is. ~~Berlin tells of heavy Russian reinforcements thrown into the battle. And Moscow claims the usual capture of towns and villages - as the Red forces close in on the trap.~~

To the north, Soviet troops are approaching ~~the~~ Narva, the ancient Estonian city - "storming at the gates of Narva," says the Moscow dispatch.

While - from neutral sources, we hear that the Germans are making moves to evacuate Estonia altogether.



## RANKS

We are to have new and higher ranks for top commanders of the Army and the Navy. In Congress today, two bills were introduced to create two new super ranks. Those of - "General-of-the-Armies" and "Admiral-of-the-Navy."

The reason for this is the fact that our commanders are sometimes outranked by Allied high officers opposite them. For example, the British Army <sup>uses the title</sup> ~~uses~~ "Field Marshal." <sup>In</sup> The British fleet - "Admiral of the Navy." Both of which titles have been outranking the highest of our own - and that's a disadvantage <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ the big military discussions.

The bills introduced today make no mention of what officers are likely to be honored with the super ranks. But we hear that the title, "General of the Army" <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ will be granted to General Marshall, Chief of Staff and to General H. <sup>H. Arnold.</sup> Commander of the Army Air Forces.

On the side of sea power, Fleet Commander King and  
Presidential Chief of Staff Leahy will become Admirals—  
~~of the Navy~~ - we are told.

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## LODGE

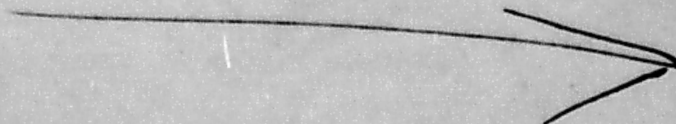
Today one of the most prominent United States Senators resigned ~~his post in the upper house,~~ *from the Senate. A thing that seldom happens.* Lodge of Massachusetts ~~He~~ submitted his resignation so that he may enter active military service. Henry Cabot Lodge has been a reserve officer a long time, and in 1942 he was on active duty in North Africa - a Major with the American forces fighting in the Libyan desert. Then President Roosevelt issued a rule that members of Congress could not serve in the Armed Forces while still retaining their ~~legislative~~ *legislative posts.* ~~seats.~~ So Lodge returned to the Senate, but kept on wanting to ~~see action~~ *see* ~~He wanted see~~ action. So in pursuing that desire he has resigned from the Senate and the word is that he will go into service as a lieutenant Colonel.

Who will succeed this important member of the upper house? A report from Boston says Governor Saltonstall. ~~The report is~~ *we hear* that the Governor will resign



Lodge - 2.

and be succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Cahill, who will then appoint Saltonstall as Senator to succeed Lodge. All concerned are Republicans, which will leave unchanged the Democratic-Republican line-up in the Senate.



## FOLLOW LODGE

Another rumor is that Governor Saltonstall may appoint Sinclair Weeks, the Treasurer of the Republican National Committee.

These arrived ten thousand feet up in the sky somewhere along the airline transport route from India to the United States. They are a fine looking lot, man, they are aristocrats - at least in part. But are Tillie's pups also part headhunter?

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## PUPS

At a transport airbase in Miami, they were concerned today about the question of Tillie's pups. These arrived ten thousand feet up in the sky somewhere along the airline transport route from India to the United States. They are a fine looking litter, and, they are aristocrats - at least in part. But are Tillie's pups also part headhunter?

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village of the Nagas, a headhunting tribe, ~~around which~~ <sup>who have</sup>  
~~were~~ <sup>And they have</sup> savage packs of wild dogs. <sup>All of which</sup> ~~And this~~ leads to the

belief that half of the ancestry of Tillie's pups is  
traced to the wild dogs of the Naga headhunters.

~~All of which makes a difference to the airmen~~  
<sup>Now they are to</sup>  
~~at Miami. Tillie's pups will~~ be adopted by pilots  
<sup>And the question is,</sup>  
and bomber crews.- ~~and~~ will they turn out to have the  
Maharajah <sup>^</sup> aristocracy of Tillie, or ~~will they have~~  
the temperament of the headhunters?

## ROOSEVELT

It was disclosed in Washington today that President Roosevelt has had an operation - surgery in a hospital. He went under the knife earlier in the week. ~~He had~~ An operation on his head - and that may sound alarming. But it was only - a wen, one of those bumps that don't mean anything much but can be a nuisance.

At his news conference today, the President revealed that on the back of his head he had a wen.

He had it for twenty years. - *He had the wen*  
~~acquiring the wen way back~~  
*when*  
~~in those days~~ when he was known as President Wilson's

Assistant Secretary of the Navy. He kept the bump year after year and got along with it quite well;

*until*  
~~but then~~ recently it started to grow a bit. So he went to the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Maryland, and the doctors got busy with knives. The President was in the hospital for about half an hour, and when he emerged he had a small bandage at the base of the skull. That was the cause of inquiries, and today

13 1/2 President Roosevelt came up with the secret -

telling of the operation on the presidential wen. —

He told when, and where.

4 And now ~~Rogers~~, What?



## CLAPPER

President Roosevelt <sup>has</sup> expressed his sorrow ~~today~~ at the death of the famous Washington columnist- Raymond Clapper - who was killed in <sup>that</sup> a plane accident during the invasion of the Marshall Islands. The President said <sup>the</sup> ~~that~~ a great newspaper man lost his life "in the line of duty."

And today newsspers printed an article ~~xxxxxx~~ that Clapper wrote as he was on his way to the mission from which he did not return. He was aboard an aircraft carrier, and was telling of the airmen who were about to fly into battle <sup>just</sup> as he was about to fly. ~~And~~ He wrote of what he called "the men who will not come back". One sentence reads:- "you live only minute by minute through the routine that carries you smoothly as if drifting down a river - toward the day of battle".

Minute by minute <sup>!</sup> Ray~~mond~~ Clapper was writing really about himself, telling of <sup>the</sup> "men who will not come back".