

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Today the Nazis acknowledge a defeat in Russia. The German High Command admits that the Soviet army has penetrated the Nazi defenses to the southwest of Stalingrad, also on the Don River bend. The Nazis say that Marshall Timonshenko is throwing in men and material regardless of losses. The High Command adds that at Stalingrad itself there was only local fighting, but that was proved untrue.

This admission by Hitler that the Russians have broken the Nazi line is indeed something new. But here is news -- important news to back it up:- A special Soviet communique announcing that three Axis divisions have been taken prisoner south of Kletskaya. Three divisions! This happened in the big bend of the Don.

Also, elsewhere in the Stalingrad area, the Red Army advanced. Northwest of the city, they went

ahead twenty-five miles, capturing an important town on the way. In the bend of the Don River they advanced six miles in some sectors and captured five large places. North of Stalingrad they have joined forces with its defenders. And the Soviet High Command announces that its offensive northwest of Stalingrad is moving faster and faster. In one day's fighting the Russians have killed more than fifteen thousand Germans.

There is considerable perplexity about the Stalingrad situation. According to some reports, the Germans are trying to withdraw from that long-beleaguered city.

We heard yesterday that the besieging German army was in danger of being trapped by two wings of Timoshenko's forces. Moscow today reports that the badly battered Nazi troops are rallying for a counter-attack.

One Red army pushed south as far as a village well inside the bend of the River Don. There it was fighting to make a junction with another Red column

advancing westward from Kalach, which is to the north and well to the west of Stalingrad. Later those two armies did meet up, and now the word is that they may indeed cut the Nazis off.

Meanwhile, a third Russian army advancing from the south has cut the railroad to Rostov, a name we have not heard since it fell to the Nazis almost six months ago.

Just a recital of the place names in today's news indicates that the Germans at Stalingrad are in serious trouble. Already they are almost cut off from the main Nazi forces.

The Russians declare that in four days of fighting, twenty-six thousand Germans have been killed while another thousand have been taken prisoner inside Stalingrad. In one sector alone, we are told that the Red army annihilated a fully equipped Nazi infantry division of twelve thousand men -- German reinforcements recently arrived at the front.

The indications are, as expected, that Hitler has been obliged to weaken his air force over Russia, and ~~to~~ hurry it to the Mediterranean.

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When President Roosevelt was told about the Stalingrad offensive, he remarked that he was delighted, and he said the word might be pronounced that way, after the manner of his illustrious cousin and predecessor, Teddy Roosevelt, who frequently was dee-lighted.

The President, by the way, received a hint of what was about to happen in Russia, several days ago.

POLAND

More tragic news from Poland:-

The Polish Government in London has announced that Heinrich Himmler, the Nazi Gestapo chief, has ordered one-half of the Jews in Poland to be killed by the end of the year. We are told this word reached the exiled Polish Government by the usual wartime underground route.

According to the Nineteen thirty-one census there were three million, a hundred and thirteen thousand, nine hundred Jews in Poland. A number which now must be far less. For the Nazis killed thousands of them outright. And tens of thousands more have died from starvation or disease. Many of the remainder have been concentrated into ghettos, that were already ^{crowded.} over-

Now we hear that the Gestapo ^{plan} ~~is~~ is to wipe out fifty percent of the Jews in the ghettos, and, liquidate the others later. The story of the Gestapo organizing special liquidation patrols, commanded by members of the blood-thirsty S.S. elite guard, an organization educated and trained in cruelty. Squads of these

executioners go into the ghetto homes for their victims. Others they seize in the streets. Some are taken to the cemeteries and mowed down there by firing squads. Those in the villages and smaller towns are driven into the public squares where they can be murdered en masse.

AFRICA

Considerable news about the campaign in North Africa is coming in now from Madrid. And, as this news is favorable to the Allies, there is all the more reason to believe it, since the Spanish capital would be expected to lean a little towards the Axis.

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A Dispatches from Sabin say British and American columns are advancing toward the promontory of Tunis along the valley of the Medjerda River, which runs northeast towards the Mediterranean between Tunis and Bizerte. The Allies defeated the German column at a place called Jalo. Just an engagement with a Nazi light-armoured column.

The indications are that Hitler is preparing to make^a/determined stand in Africa. The divisions he sent by air to Tunis and Bizerte presumably will fight a desperate delaying action, while the Nazis hope to gain time to pour heavy reinforcements ~~xxx~~ into both Tunisia and Libya.

We hear also that bombers and pursuit planes,

as well as ground troops, are being rushed to Greece, in large numbers at the same time that more and more air-borne ground fighters are being landed in Tunisia. Battalions of Axis parachute troops came to earth today at ports on the eastern shore of Tunisia, south of the capital city of Tunis. According to reports received in Sapin, it appears that the Axis divisions in Tunisia have prevented the Allies from moving fast enough to prevent these heavy German troop landings. The inference from this is that Hitler hopes to establish communications between the Axis divisions in Tripoli and Tunisia.

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The city of Tripoli has been under heavy bombardment from American planes in the last two days, as well as Bizerte.

Probably lack of information about American and British ground movements is due to the terrific ~~xx~~ struggle that is now going on for control of the air over Bizerte and Tunis. At any rate, we hear that huge Nazi air fleets are being sent to the North African

theatre of war.

From Morocco as well as from Spain and other nearby points come reports of intense air activity but no details.

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An army communique issued from Washington announces that British and American parachute troops had a fight with an Axis mechanized column, drove it to flight and took several prisoners. Elsewhere there have been numerous local vanguard engagements.

Allied fighters bagged four enemy planes at one point. They also attacked an enemy troop train, and that of itself indicates how heavily the Nazis have reinforced their divisions in Tunisia.

British General Anderson's First Army met the Nazi advance guard a few miles west of Bizerte. The Germans had a screen of covering troops but they were driven back. The Allies as well as the Germans have been landing parachute troops in Tunisia.

What news from Dakar? Well, Darlan has ordered all French warships and merchant vessels to remain there. And he is sending a special staff to ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ organize the great naval base for full cooperation with the Allies.

DARLAN

There is much to do in Britain over His Excellency Admiral Jean Francois Darlan. Even those who like him least acknowledge he has been highly useful to the Allies in turning over virtually all of French Africa so that it cost us only eleven hundred ~~xx~~ casualties and saved us incalculable time. ^{TP} But, the Fighting French followers of General ~~Charles~~ DeGaulle are not the only ones who are afraid that the one-time collaborator with Hitler ^{may} ~~might~~ achieve lasting power in Africa. Not a few Britons are anxious about that, as well as members of the Allied governments ^{TP} refugeed in England. The Fighting French organizations are mystified and worried. For a while they were reassured by President Roosevelt's declaration that we were making use of Darlan as a temporary expedient. Since then, ^{the Admiral} ~~Darlan~~ has not only established his influence from Dakar to the borders of Tunisia but he has taken hold as an administrator.

There was a little dust up in the House of Commons about that today. A Labor member brought to light that Prime Minister Winston Churchill had suppressed a radio address that General DeGaulle was to have broadcast Sunday. It had been referred to Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden for censoring. Eden had okayed it. But the Prime Minister ^{went} over Eden's head, ^{so we hear,} ~~had suppressed it.~~ Eden was questioned about it in the House and replied: "There was no difference between myself and the Prime Minister." He promised to reply to the Labor member more fully later.

~~The Labor speaker asked the question: "Why should not the head of the Fighting French be allowed to broadcast?" And he added: "It is very humiliating. People are saying, 'We do not want to sacrifice our lives to make the world full of Darlans.'"~~

~~The same speaker then spoke bitterly about the~~

CHINESE

Many of us have wondered what effect the defeat of Hitler would have upon the Japanese. Wishful thinkers have gone so far as to say that the fall of the Nazis would be quickly followed by the fall of the Japs. Our military and naval leaders in the Pacific say nothing of the sort. A correspondent has been asking high officers of the army and the fleet, who told him that the Japanese are fighting a war of their own. *That* they may have adopted some German battle tactics, ~~but~~ they have their own plans and anything that happens to Hitler will not alter them. They have been preparing for this war too long to allow the collapse of an ally halfway around the world to squelch them. Generals and admirals agree that the Japanese ~~xxxxxxx~~ never will give up. They will have to be beaten; in all probability they will have to be almost annihilated.

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Strategy observers believe the Japs are

preparing for a push from Burma into southwestern China. The Japanese high command now has at least six divisions in Burma. This, it is believed, accounts for the increased British and American air raids on Japanese positions both from India and from bases in China.

Chiang Kai-shek headquarters today reported officially that Chinese forces have hurled back Japanese troops which had crossed the Hsin-Chiang River at three points in north Hunnan Province. The enemy were evidently aiming a ~~new~~ fresh attack at Changsha. The Japs are pouring fresh reinforcements not only into Burma but also into Indo-China, Thailand and the occupied parts of Hunnan.

SOLOMONS

Since we got into the war, Navy Secretary Frank
Knox has been ^{Just about} the most conservative ^{that is he} military official
in Washington. ^{He} has constantly warned us against
being too sanguine about success, about expecting too
much. ~~The consequence is that when he makes a statement~~
~~that sounds hopeful we are inclined to believe him.~~
Therefore we have a right to feel ~~quite~~ encouraged when
he tells us ~~that~~ the United States Navy has established
a ring around the island of Guadalcanal, a ring through
which it ^{will be} ~~is very~~ difficult for the Japanese to penetrate.
~~In fact, he puts it this way.~~ ^{That} Our forces are keeping up
what he calls "a pretty rigid patrol, day and night",
around Guadalcanal. It is very unlikely, he said,
that the Japanese will be able to get in reinforcements
onto that crucial island.

~~xxx~~ The reporters asked him whether the enemy
might not be able to get ashore and join their

beleaguered soldiers in small boats by night? To that Knox replied: "It is possible, but improbable." He then gave his press conference to understand that the patrols, ~~we~~ both in the air and on the surface, ~~are being kept up not only by day but also by night.~~

At his last conference he ^{had} said that ~~affairs are going along satisfactory for us and that~~ United States forces had a firm hold on Guadalcanal. Today he admitted that our men have widened the area they control. The distance between the American lines east and west is now more than sixteen miles. One of the Secretary's aides pointed out that this means actually less than three per cent of the area of Guadalcanal. That, however, is the most important, the crucial spot in the whole island. A reporter asked Knox whether he thought we can wipe out the Japs on Guadalcanal. He replied: "That has been our objective."

Today's communique from the Navy reported that our land troops were continuing their westward advance on Guadalcanal. The Japanese, however, have been active in the southwest. Japanese troop activity there is no light matter. They are establishing a position about three miles from the northern coast of Guadalcanal, at an elevation of some fifteen hundred feet. That would give them an ideal position from which they could use field artillery against Henderson Field.

The Paris radio today announced that the Nazis had information of a new big naval battle in the Solomon Islands region. The Navy Department in Washington refused to comment. You may recall that Radio Tokyo yesterday claimed that a battle was going on there. But that report was vague and inconclusive and even the Japs did not pretend to offer any details.

TREASON

A federal court in Chicago today finished ~~disposing~~ of the biggest treason case in the history of the United States. Three men and three women had been convicted of that crime against the country. It was a sequel to the case of the eight saboteurs apprehended last Spring in Long Island Florida. The prisoners were naturalized German-Americans. They were convicted of having given aid and comfort to Herbert Haupt, one of the Nazi saboteurs who were electrocuted.

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The three men, Judge Campbell sentenced to death, the women, ^{to} twenty-five years in prison. In addition, they will pay fines of ten thousand dollars each.

One of the women, Mrs. ^{Erna} ~~Anna~~ Haupt, is the mother of Herbert Haupt. Her husband, the saboteur's father, was one of the men sentenced to death. (Shortly before she heard it pronounced, an attendant put a ~~letter~~

letter into Mrs. Haupt's hands. It was from an Army chaplain who had talked with her son just before he was executed. The letter read: "Through me he sends his love, requests that you do not take it hard and remember his last thoughts were of his mother." The Chaplain added: "If you should desire to see me after this war is over, I might then bring you his words face to face. Very sincerely yours, (signed) William B. Adams, Chaplain, First Lieutenant United States Army."

In pronouncing sentence, Judge Campbell said, ~~among other things~~, of the women: "These defendants, by their acts, have forfeited any right to consideration as mothers." Then he added: "They have had a fair trial, a thing of the past in the country they sought to befriend." The Judge said further: "It is the court's duty to make sure that the punishment meted out to these defendants will act as a timely and solemn warning

to all who would attempt to commit the smallest act of sabotage. It must also be added to serve notice upon the enemy that the use of American citizens of German birth as pawns in the game of sabotage and espionage is doomed to failure."

HIGHWAYS

Here's a bit of post election news which a lot of people will think more important than the morning after announcements. In Iowa, Oregon and West Virginia the voters by overwhelming majority adopted constitutional amendments prohibiting diversion of highway funds to any other than highway uses.^{TP} The same provision had already been adopted by eleven other states. California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and South Dakota. This means that hereafter every dollar of gasoline tax, motor registration fees and various minor bits of revenue must go into the road.^{TP} In recent years legislators have been increasingly dipping into highway funds for all manner of non-highway purposes until the diversion amounted to about one-sixth of all the collection. The anti-diversion amendment went through with a whoop in Iowa by eight to one, West Virginia six to one, and Oregon one-and-a-half to one.

America are called - "mere bystanders." The phraseology is as follows:- "The huge armies of Britain and the United States," says the Soviet newspaper, "are still mere bystanders in the titanic struggle now being waged on the Soviet front." And it continues ~~xxx~~ ^{with} this cryptic yet significant statement:- "We know ^{it says} there are politicians who still cherish their old hopes."

Which would seem to refer to charges made by Communists in England and over here, charges that the second front delay is the doing of ^{influential} people who are inately hostile to the Soviets.

FINLAND

There is a rumor in London that Soviet Russia is about to ask the United States to declare war on Finland. They say that Moscow wants this so that the United Nations will present a solid front against all the countries that are fighting against Russia. The London newspaper, DAILY SKETCH, states that Soviet officials ^{will} have expressed the demand to Wendell Willkie, who is now in Moscow - Willkie to be asked to convey the request to President Roosevelt.

Along this line, the British give us an interpretation of the recent statement by the Finnish Minister in Washington - who said that Finland wants to get out of the war whenever it can get a United Nations guarantee against aggression. The London version is that this statement was made with the intention of forestalling the Soviet demand for a United Nations declaration of war.

MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, British columns are pushing close to the capital city of that big island. The Vichy French defenders are blocking roads, dynamiting bridges, destroying things in general in the path of the ^{oncoming} British. ~~advance.~~ London says that this is being done by ^{a few} dupes; ~~of a few~~ French officials in Madagascar, who are currying favor with ~~the~~ Vichy, ~~Government in France.~~ ^{FF} From Vichy itself there is a dispatch saying that what it calls - "a violent battle" is going on twenty miles northwest of the Madagascar capital.

Secretary Frank Knox stated today that the Japs may be expected to launch a large scale attempt to recapture the Solomon Islands that we have taken from them. "A big push," said the Secretary, in describing the kind of enemy operation that the Navy anticipates. So a major battle in the south Pacific area seems to be a likelihood.

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This afternoon's Navy bulletin tells of the bombing of a Jap cruiser off Guadalcanal in the Solomon ^{S.} ~~Islands~~. The blow was struck by planes of the Navy and Marine Corps, and they were dive bombers. The Navy pilots and the sky flying Marines swooped down on the Jap cruiser in that dizzy maneuver - dive bombing. And they hit the enemy ship, smashed it up quite a bit. ~~It~~ This makes a total of twenty-three Jap vessels either sunk or damaged since the Marines launched their offensive in the Solomons and captured

several islands there. And seven of the ships bombed had been cruisers.

The Navy bulletin also tells of a big American air raid against a Jap occupied island in the New Georgia archipelago - two hundred and fifteen miles northwest of Guadalcanal. The place is a war center for the enemy, and was smashed up by flying fortresses, the big boys had hit so hard. This is the third time they have blasted that particular Japanese base in two weeks.

And the ^{news}~~ness~~ tells of war in the sky -

American medium bombers hitting the Japs in Burma.

The raid was launched from India, and struck all the

way to the enemy war center at Bhamo. That is way up

a 1000 miles up the Irrawaddy,
in northern Burma, ~~a river port,~~ I remember ~~xxxxxxx~~

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Bhamo, having visited ~~the place a few years back,~~ *as*

my way into the Hindayas.
I remember it as ~~an immensely~~ *vastly* picturesque ~~place,~~

flaming with color, where ^{the} Chinese caravans met the ^{carrying tea,}
river and rail traffic ^{coming up from Rangoon and} through Burma. A sort of
Mandalay. It was then the
jumping off place, ^{for} the wilds of southern China, ^{Yunnan}
one of the outposts of the world.

And on the other side of the ^{globe} ~~world~~ we have
news of a British raid against Nazi objectives in
France - ~~and it was a~~ daylight bombing. One pilot
says he saw the insides of a power plant blown through
the roof by the explosion of a bomb.

SINKINGS

The Navy Department revealed today that two American cargo ships were sunk in the Mediterranean last month. This occurred in the course of the great convoy battle which the British reported at the time - the one in which the ~~BRIT~~ British Aircraft EAGLE was ~~sunk~~ *lost*.

Today's Navy bulletin paints a vivid picture of the almost incredible ordeal of the attack through which the convoy had to pass. Four days of running the gauntlet, all the way from Gibraltar to Malta. On the first day, shortly after the convoy passed through the Straits of Gibraltar, the ships were assailed by Axis submarines. ^{*But*} The cargo vessels, with their warship protection, got through without injury.

The next day, the submarines were joined by ^{*Carrier*} dive bombers. And now the EAGLE was ~~sunk~~, bombed and torpedoed and sent to the bottom. But the merchant

vessels again came through unscathed. On the morning of the third day, altitude bombing was added to the submarine and dive bomber assault. A British tanker was hit and severely damaged. In the afternoon, torpedo planes joined in, ~~the assault~~, and scored several hits. That night, motor torpedo boats roared to the attack, and one of them scored a hit on the first of the American cargo ^{ships} ~~vessels~~ to be sunk. The torpedo tore open the vessel's port side, and the ship burst into flames. Survivors were picked up.

The second American merchantman eluded the torpedos from both the boats and the submarines. In doing so, however, it became separated from the convoy and later was hit by a torpedo. The ship was so badly damaged that the crew sank it with a time bomb.

On the fourth day, the convoy reached Malta -
after ^{enduring} ~~sustaining~~ one of the most violent and sustained attacks on record.

INFLATION

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The Senate today voted on the bill to permit the President to fix farm prices at parity - either parity or the highest price of any commodity during this year until September Fifteenth. Of the two alternatives, whichever is the higher will be the ceiling. ^{TP} So, that meets the President's demand.

However, there is a twister in it all - this in the form of an amendment that is to come up ~~on~~ Ceiling parity; - but, what is parity? The amendment provides for recomputation of that figure, another kind of calculation of parity. This will include labor costs to the farmer, the rate of wages that he has to pay.

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R ~~The present parity figure is arrived at by complicated reckonings with a number of factors, but these factors do not include the farmers' labor cost. So the farm-
-blee is demanding that there be a new computation of
-party and put the agricultural wages in.~~

(Earlier today, a Senate Committee approved of this by a vote of fourteen to one, and now the amendment will be taken on the floor of the Senate.) and The powerful farm bloc will back it vigorously. For example, Senator Willis of Indiana stated that unless the labor-cost-~~ix~~ amendment is adopted - "the farmer, in hundreds of thousands of instances, is finished," said he.

The Administration is opposed - on the ground that the parity figure will be boosted if you put farm labor costs in. Thereby elevating the ceiling and increasing the prices - promoting instead of checking inflation, argues the Administration.

LEGION

The new national commander of the American Legion
today
^ spoke some downright words. Colonel Roane Waring of
Memphis, just elected, put the state of affairs in these
words:- "We have had lots of speeches and lots of
parades - but we have not yet buckled down to the
actual winning of this war." ~~said he.~~

INVENTORS

54 { And now let us ~~note~~ that, one hundred thousand is a large figure - and one hundred thousand inventions represents a huge lot of mechanical ingenuity and figuring things out.

In Nineteen Forty, the National Inventors Council was formed to promote American inventiveness in behalf of American war power. Today in Washington the Council met to consider the one hundred thousandth invention. It revealed that since Pearl Harbor, ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ sixty-eight thousand devices had been submitted, seven thousand a month, two hundred and eighty-five a day. ~~P~~ Of the one hundred thousand, forty-five hundred had been deemed worthy of serious consideration.

Hundreds of them have been tested, and many adopted.

For example, the ~~Council~~ ^{Navy} has accepted a flying suit made buoyant with ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the floss of milkweed.

and not too successfully. Anyway
Previously, kapok was used, ~~but~~ the supplies of that

fibre are ^{now} controlled by the Japs. So the good old
American milkweed takes its place.

What is the type of invention most often suggested? The answer is - a net or screen to protect ships against torpedoes. None of these, however, has proved of any service. Torpedo nets and screens have been tried repeatedly, but they are heavy, are unmanageable in a ^{rough} ~~heavy~~ sea, and interfere with the maneuvering of a ship. ~~The~~ ^{the} Council suggests that inventors think of something else.

MOVIE DAY

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Today is free movie day. For once in your life you can go to see the motion pictures without buying a ticket. Instead, you purchase a War Bond.

So the slogan is - buy a bond and see the movies free.

world This ~~is~~ ^{being} a contribution made by ~~the~~ ^{the} motion pictures to push the September sales of war securities - another example of what the picture industry is doing to help this nation win the war. All sorts of bond selling campaigns have been launched, and now - free movie day. So get ready to buy your bond, and see the latest feature - also the Newsreel.

Last night at Movietone we worked on a reel that included some vivid scenes of those American tanks named after General Lee. They made a reputation in the desert battles in Egypt, and now we get a brilliant close-up study of them. Another attraction

on free movie day. Streamlined. Without a seam. The General Lees.

NEEDLEWORK

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A lady's needlework contest might not seem to be so important in a time when the greatest of all contests is raging. However, there is an oddity in the winning of a lace and crochet event staged by the Courtland~~t~~ County Fair -- New York.

The first prize for petty point, so finely stitched and intricate, was won by Mrs. Frances Fitz Sanger -- and her age is seventy-six. She has, moreover, another name, -- Lady Sourdough.

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Forty odd years ago, today's petty point winner was quite a figure in ^{the} Alaska of the gold rush. She prospected for gold and panned it, and was United States Recorder of Mining Claims at Council City, north of Nome. And she ran a ~~news~~ newspaper there -- the northernmost of American newspapers. About all of which she has written a book.

Today Lady Sourdough was asked -- had she learned her needlework up in Alaska? She replied - No. She took up the lacey ~~wa~~ art only a year ago. And she

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could not remember having even touched a needle in
the days of the gold rush.

She never even
~~suppose her eyes were~~

~~not good enough~~ ~~forty odd years ago.~~

*knitted a sock, in the
Malamute Saloon, as the wolves
howled at the Aurora Borealis.*

WIFE

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One of the strangest of amnesia stories was told in Hollywood today -- the case of a woman who finds herself married to a man she doesn't know.

Last Friday night Mrs. Gloria Weller Miller, twenty-five years old, was driving along in her car. Some sudden realization came to her, and she saw that she was driving a blue sedan. That surprised her -- because the car that she and her husband owned was gray. She said to herself -- "I wonder where I got this blue car?" *Hub.*

Then she noticed that the scene about her was unfamiliar. A city, but it was not the place where her home was -- not Atascadero, California. Still more puzzled she stopped and asked, and was told that she was in Hollywood. That was two hundred miles from Atascadero.

Realizing that something strange indeed had occurred, she wired her home town and asked for information about herself and her husband, Mr. and Mrs.

Pierce Weller. She was informed that Pierce Weller, a fifty year old retired newspaper editor, had died in November of last year. Sudden death -- his wife finding his body. Then in May, Mrs. Weller had remarried, and become Mrs. Henry Miller of Hollywood.

The baffled woman went to the police and they took her to Henry Miller. She did not recognize him. "I never saw him before in my life," she said today.

Henry Miller told her that he had met her at the horse races in Agua Caliente, Mexico, and they *had been* married at Las Vegas, Nevada, *and then had lived together, ever since.* She recalled nothing of this. Her memory had gone blank with the shock of finding her first husband dead.

Today she exclaimed: "Look at me. I have bleached blond hair, but before -- I had pretty red hair. I don't like myself as a blond."

She says that her second husband, the man ~~whome~~ she does not know, is very sympathetic about it all. He offers to give her a divorce if she ^{so} desires.

And we can only wonder -- what will she do? *Does she so desire? And now Hugh.*