

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Berlin announces the capture of Kiev. The troops of the Blitz are said to have stormed into the Russian number three city today, planting the Swastika banner on the Citadel.

Three cities have been prime objectives for the German invasion, Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, and the last of these is the first to fall.

Moscow admitted today that the Germans had penetrated the defenses of Kiev, and countered with stories of huge Nazi casualties - four divisions lost in the attack on Kiev.

That old capital of the Ukraine is one of the most historic of Russian cities, more so than even Moscow -- so far as the earliest times of Russia are concerned. Kiev was a metropolis of the Steppes when Moscow was a wretched village. In the year Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight, it was the capital of Prince Vladimir, who established Christianity and the Greek Orthodox Church as the religion of the Russians. In Slavic History he is known as - Saint  
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Vladmir.

In the middle ages, Kiev was a wealthy trading center, as great a city of Commerce as London or Paris. And always, it was a center of religion. Under the Czars, Kiev boasted of a

hundred and fifty ornate churches, those typical Russian churches ~~with~~ with domes of gilt and copper. The churches of Kiev glistened like burnished gold in the sunlight.

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The Nazi Blitz arrived at the gates of Kiev weeks ago, and was held back by the power of Red Army fortifications. It is apparent that Kiev now falls because of encirclement, large ~~x~~ Soviet ~~xxxx~~ Forces trying to get out of the trap the Germans have flung about them. That trap is described as of vast extent - enclosing four Soviet Armies, which number between three hundred and fifty and four hundred thousand men. So says Berlin, and reports that the huge encirclement extends as far as Poltava, which is far to the East of Kiev.

Poltava too brings historic memories - for it was there that one of the most celebrated battles was fought. At Poltava Peter the Great of Russia defeated Charles the Twelfth of ~~xxxxxxx~~ Sweden - the strange romantic warrior who made the Swedish name a terror in battle. He plunged deep into Russia, from Sweden all the way south to the Ukraine, only to be engulfed by the Russian spaces - and to lose his Army at Poltava.

That place is only eighty miles from Kharkov, which town is not so historic or romantic. But it's more important. Kharkov is the dominating railroad center in the Easternmost part of the Ukraine. <sup>And,</sup> It's the next Nazi objective, ~~and~~ its fall would mean the loss of the Donets Coal and industrial area. If that should go, the Red Army would be left virtually without industrial production - save for the plants in distant Siberia.

To top the Nazi claims of triumph, is a statement given out by the German High Command - about German losses.

The British have affirmed that the war in Russia has cost the Nazis two million. Berlin today gives figures to show that the Blitzkrieg casualties have been only three hundred and seventy-seven thousand up to September first. Eighty-four thousand killed, and two hundred and ninety-two thousand wounded. As for Soviet losses, Berlin now claims one million and eight hundred thousand Red Army prisoners, and declares that the losses in killed and wounded have been of an equal number. That would bring the Soviet casualties up to more than three and a half million - if we are to believe Berlin.

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The German shouts of triumph are confirmed to a large extent by gloomy comment in London. "Deep anxiety", were the words used today to describe ~~the~~ British feelings. The spokesman was a member of the Churchill war cabinet, A. V. Alexander, first Lord of the Admiralty. "We are watching with profound admiration but with deep anxiety also," he said, "~~the~~" "The swaying fortunes and the heroic resistance that our Russian Allies are offering." In this he only echoed the opinion of London military observers in general, who regard the position in the southern sector of the Red Army as approaching desperation.

First Lord of the Admiralty A.V. Alexander said that the Military Events in Russia made it more ~~xx~~ necessary than ever for Great Britain and the United States to rush aid to the Soviets. He admitted that the task was a hard one - the routes of transport to the Soviet ~~are~~ were so difficult. But the First Lord of the Admiralty added, "All that can be done is being done and will be done. We are with Russia to the end in this business," he said. Other sources in London indicate that the amounts of British and American aid which the Soviets

have received are very little - a mere token. Yet the Red Army will have to have vast amounts of war material to make good the loss of so much of their own industrial production.

HULL

The Soviet Military situation was discussed at a news conference with Secretary of State Hull today. He was asked whether the defeats the Red Army is sustaining would have any effect on the United States program of aid to the Soviets. The Secretary said - No. He stated with emphasis that the United States is concentrating every possible effort for increasing help to the Red Army, and also toward increasing the speed with which that help is being delivered.

He was asked whether the information the State Department has would indicate that the Soviet Military situation is as gloomy as London pictures it. Secretary Hull replied that he couldn't go into that question without more information than is now available to the State Department.

Meanwhile, the question of aid to the Soviets is a burning topic in Congress. The House of Representatives is about to consider President Roosevelt's request for an added six billion dollars for Lend-Lease funds, and the Congressmen are discussing the Soviet angle - will the Red army be given Lend-Lease aid?



## SOVIET SPIES

In addition to other troubles, Stalin's Moscow is having a spy scare. It was stated today that Nazi secret agents have been discovered in Moscow factories, where they have been doing jobs of espionage and sabotage. One official Communist newspaper states: "Such Fascist spies have been in our factories in no small numbers."

A demand is made for the elimination of Secret Agents by the sternest methods. So Moscow is having a spy hunt, which suggests a rather grim picture in the land of the OGPU - especially in war-time.

SOVIET MOSLEMS

Today a call for prayer was proclaimed - in behalf of the Red Army. A Mohammedan kind of prayer -- supplications to Allah, the all-merciful. There are millions of Moslems in the vast land ruled by the Soviets, in Turkistan, and the lands that adjoin Iran. And today their leader Ras Ulev, issued the following message: "Arise in the name of Islam," he commanded. "The Moslem peoples of the U.S.S.R. will assist the Red Army wherever possible. Organize religious services in houses of prayer and Mosques!", he directed. "And consecrate them to the victory of our Army!"

Moscow informs us that these Moslem prayers are being added to Christian prayers. We are told that Christian believers of various sects in Russia are rallying to the support of the Soviets. It's all very interesting. Next maybe they'll have Stalin praying to Allah.

And that brings us naturally to a visitor who has just dropped in.



INTRO. TO DR. WILSON

Dr. J. Christy Wilson of Tabriz, Persia - Iran, and his wife are here with me. Dr. Wilson, for some twenty years, has been working among the Mohammedans of the Middle East -- old Persia with its veiled women - and has even written text books for the Government of Iran. What do you think of Iran, after twenty years in Asia, Dr. Wilson?

DR. WILSON: Iran, Lowell, has an astonishing artistic history, with a continuous tradition that runs back for more than six thousand years. And, a glorious language, and a most impressive literature.

L.T.: To get away from the Arabian Nights angle for a moment, Doctor, did you happen to know the Shah who abdicated last week?

DR. WILSON: Yes, I have seen him many times. In fact, I have a letter from him sent through the Minister of Foreign Affairs. His story is just like a tale from the Arabian Nights. A peasant who became King of Kings! Not only that, but he did more for his country in a few years than had his predecessors for many centuries. He built a railroad that is one of the engineering wonders of the world,

right from the Persian Gulf across lofty mountain ranges and down to the Caspian Sea.

L.T.: Anything more?

DR. WILSON: I should say so. He unveiled the women of Persia.

L.T.: That's something no Shah had been able to do in over a thousand years.

DR. WILSON: Above all, he built roads all over Iran. He put in electric light plants in the cities, in Teheran, Kermanshah, Tabriz, Shiraz, and everywhere. He paved the streets of the cities of Iran and constructed great buildings. All this he did without creating a national debt. Yes sir, he even balanced the Persian budget!

L.T.: Now that he has abdicated, Dr. Wilson, I think we'd better cable him at once, and invite him to America. I'll bet his eyes would look like two Persian moons if he took a look at our national debt. How did the Shah do it? By Persian magic?

DR. WILSON: No. Largely from revenue, taxes on sugar and tea.

And then, as you probably know, Iran is the fourth most important oil producing country in the world. There is no doubt but what Iran is one of the largest prizes of the present world war.

L.T.: Dr. Wilson has been reminding me that Iran, the ancient land of Daniel and the Wise Men, is slowly taking an interest in Christianity. Thanks mainly to Americans like Dr. Christy Wilson and the many Americans who have been at work there for over a hundred years.

FRANCE

More executions were announced in Paris today. The victims of Nazi firing squads are described as Communists, ~~and~~ were charged with terrorism and anti-German - "manifestations."

The Nazis' own brand of terrorism doesn't seem to be working so well. We have new reports of sabotage in various parts of

France. There's a rumor that several persons were caught in the act of wrecking German Army cars.

REPAIRS

Secretary of the Navy Knox answered an interesting question today. How many British warships are undergoing repairs in American navy yards? At least a dozen, said

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he. He listed a battleship, two aircraft carriers, five cruisers, one submarine, two corvettes and one mine sweeper.

The repairs are being financed by Lend-Lease.

## EXPLOSION

Near Bradford, Pennsylvania, today a catastrophe occurred, one of those events to stagger the imagination. A truckload of nitro-glycerin exploded on the highway.

The big truck was rumbling along at a fast clip, and some distance behind was a passenger automobile in which two men were riding. They were two oil executives - Jay Clifford Martin, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Oil Producers Association, and Clarendon Streeter, an oil operator who is head of a group gathering data to present to the Government. They were on their way to Oil City, Pennsylvania, to attend a conference of petroleum producers who are scheduled to appear in Washington in an effort to have Price Administrator Leon Henderson raise the maximum price of Pennsylvania crude oil. The two men in the car, talking over such matters as petroleum production, distribution costs and price levels - paid no particular attention to the truck some distance ahead of them.

Then it happened - a sudden and indescribable cataclysm. For some reason, which probably will never be known, the truckload of nitro-glycerin exploded. To say that it blew up with incredible violence is to state the case mildly.

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Nitro-Glycerin is one of the most violent of all explosives, and the truck was carrying a huge quantity of it - to be used in shooting oil wells in the Pennsylvania petroleum area.

The explosion blew a hole in the concrete road twenty-five feet long and ten feet deep. The highway was lined with forest on either side. The blast blew down the trees for a distance of a hundred yards - leveled them flat. Fragments of wheels and motor were later found scattered through the woods. No trace whatever has been found of the driver of the truck.

The passenger automobile following the truck was hit as if by some giant hammer. The ~~front~~ front of the car was *smashed,* ~~smashed~~ blasted into a mass of twisted metal. One of the two oil men was killed, the other seriously injured. The catastrophe occurred five miles beyond Bradford. If the nitro-glycerin truck had blown up while passing through the town, the whole town, the whole place would have been leveled.

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ACTRESS

Nobody suspected that Ona Munson was engaged. She was keeping it a deep secret. Today, she was at work in a Hollywood studio, playing her part in a forthcoming feature. It was a busy, toilsome task, and suddenly the blond actress collapsed, fainted. There was a scene of hurried solicitude as they revived her, and when she came to she murmured - "Please tell Mr. MacDonald Notify him that I'm all right!"

They asked her - "Why? Who is Mr. MacDonald?"

To which she responded - "I'm engaged to him."

So that let the secret out. Whereupon Ona Munson felt she might as well go ahead and tell the whole story. She said she had known former Federal Housing Administrator Stewart MacDonald for several years, and that they planned to get married as soon as she finished the pictures she is working on.

The scene in the Hollywood studio may be marked down as one sympathetic way to announce an engagement.

And now Hugh who always has a sympathetic way of telling us about Nu Blue. Don't you Hugh?