

RUSSIA

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The armies of Soviet Russia are roaring ahead tonight in three directions. One group ~~is~~ headed for the Carpathian Mountains; another ~~is~~ advancing toward the Dniester River and Black Sea ports; and, those in the north are ^{pushing} ~~coming~~ closer to the ^{shores of the} Baltic. ^{TR} Meanwhile, there are now no fewer than fifteen of Hitler's divisions ^{those} trapped in two pockets along the Dnieper; ~~river~~ They are surrounded by the heavy artillery of the Red Army ^{a cascade of} which is pouring shells upon the encircled Nazis. ~~by the tons~~ Rain is falling in that part of Russia, and has turned ^{much of it into} ~~the ground into what is~~ ^{a sea} ~~described as a hell hole~~ of mud. Inside the pockets, Russian guerrillas are cutting off small units of Germans and mowing them down. ^{Moscow announces that today no quarter is being offered to the surrounded German divisions. They are not given the option of surrendering as was done at Stalingrad.}

On the Dnieper River front, one Red army has closed in on Krivoi Rog and Nikopol, centers of iron and manganese production. One column is already

fighting in the outskirts of Nikopol, and another has driven a wedge between the Germans at Nikopol and those at Krivoi Rog.

And in Old Poland, the Second Ukrainian Army under General Vetutin, is on its way toward the junction point of Lwow, where nine railroads meet.

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The Red Army on the far northern front has forced a passage of the Narva River in Estonia. In fact, it has actually reached the southern part of the town of Narva.)

~~This we learn from the Berlin Radio. But the Germans claim that they threw the Russians back and prevented them from consolidating a bridgehead.~~

Russian

According to Berlin, some forty divisions, about
six hundred thousand men, are in action around Narva.

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of the war and they left *flames* that could
be seen for one hundred and fifty miles. Their
~~operations were the most intense since today.~~

FINLAND

Fires are burning in Helsinki tonight,

~~the capital of Finland.~~

The two raids made by

Soviet ~~xxx~~ bomber ^s ~~planes~~ last night were the heaviest of the war and ~~they~~ left ^{flames} ~~conflagrations~~ that could

be seen for ^a ~~one~~ hundred and fifty-~~five~~ miles. ~~There~~

~~were three more air raid alarms there today.~~

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SOVIETS

After the sixteen Republics of the Soviet Union have become independent governments, there will be one consequence of which nobody ever thought until today. Presumably parts of the interior of Asia will be thrown open to travel, which have been virtually closed territory under the centralized rule of Moscow. For twenty-five years it has been difficult for foreigners even to obtain travel permits through those Republics of Central Asia. But when Stalin's latest goes into effect there will have to be United States embassies and consulates in those colorful and little-known lands, such regions as Bokhara, the Desert of Taklimakan, the Kirghiz Steppes, and the Land of the Ovis Poli.

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And so, no doubt, we will learn more about peoples who until now have ^{seemed} ~~seemed~~ as far away as Mars -- or at least as far away as the moon.

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Lead ITALY

~~There is no denying~~ That the invasion of Italy at the beach-head below Rome has ~~been disappointing~~ ^{it been} ~~working out as intended~~ ^{it seems,} ~~in the last eight days.~~ A high British military authority admitted tonight that the allied operations there are not going according to the book. It is evident that the Nazis are ~~well bent on a powerful effort~~ ^{determined} to throw the Fifth Army back into the Tyrrhenian Sea.

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Mark Clark's

and materials against ~~that~~ beachhead.

~~One reason for the slowness is that the~~

IF The Allies at that beachhead have been handicapped by the

limited facilities of the port of Anzio. ^{As a} ~~The~~ result ~~was~~

~~that~~ the Germans were able to ^{rush} ~~bring in~~ large forces ^{more} overland, while we had to send them ~~in~~ slowly by sea.

The consequence is that we've not only not been able to

take Rome, but we've not been able to reach such moderate

objectives as the towns of Velletri and Cisterna.

Down at Cassino, we are not making any headway

either. Max Hill, N.B.C. correspondent of the Fifth

Army, reports that the advance of General Clark's men

at Cassino has been slowed down to a snail's pace. ^{Any}

^{that} It will be days before they are able to go any further

up the valley.

When the Fifth Army broke through the German line and into Cassino, we expected to hear shortly that

the enemy would evacuate. Instead of ~~which~~ they've brought up reinforcements and are defending more resolutely than ever, ~~They are~~ using houses as pill boxes and ~~they are able to~~ move ^{ing} from house to house without ever appearing in the open. ~~And the more the houses are shelled and destroyed, the more secure are the positions of the Germans.~~ The Allies have made no gains to speak of ^{there} in a week.

~~The land forces have had some help from American cruisers and destroyers, They've stood off shore, and shelled German artillery positions along the coast south of Rome.~~

There was ^a ~~one~~ picturesque incident in the fighting around Nettuno. Second Lieutenant Richard La Rivière ~~La Rivière~~ of Wilimanset, Massachusetts, was leading a detail of infantry which was driven back four times by withering machine gun fire. On the fifth advance,

La Rivière

Lieutenant ~~Baviera~~ got as far as a line of German
barbed wire. There he stuck with his pants caught on
the wire. As he hung there by the seat of his breeches,
he waved on to his men and said: "Go ahead, I'm not
going to stop here even if I have to leave these
so-and-so pants behind."

It made the men laugh so *heartily* ~~hard~~ that the humor
of it put fresh spirit into them. And this time they
were not driven back.

VATICAN

we hear, have

The Nazis in Rome, ~~have done what everybody~~

~~expected they would, sooner or later.~~ They've invaded

Christian shrines. The Vatican has made a formal

complaint that Fascist Police have entered by force

into the buildings of the basilica of St. Paul. *And,*

according to a Swiss dispatch

~~Dispatches from Switzerland report that~~ the Fascists

~~had~~ were backed up by ^{Nazi} ~~the~~ bayonets ~~of the Nazi Army~~

First of all, the naval bombardment of
Pernambuco, the Singapore, into a near
Hitlerian carnation.

Pernambuco itself is on an island, more
than twelve hundred miles from Tokyo, a small island;
but it's a mighty vital one at
it's the seat of the principal Singapore.

And, that's the northernmost point of the Japanese
archipelago.

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the command of Vice-Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher was the

~~GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:~~

The Japanese tonight appear to be ~~afflicted~~ ^{suffering}
~~with an acute state of nerves.~~ ^{from the jitters.} So we
from ^{a Tokyo} ~~reports~~ broadcast, ~~from Tokyo.~~

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~~jitters~~ ^{carription.}

Paramushiru itself is on an island more
than twelve hundred miles from Tokyo, ^{a fairly} small island;
^{but it's a mighty vital one} ~~at~~
~~It is not one of the principal Nipponese islands.~~
~~But, it is~~ the northern most ^{tip} ~~point~~ of the Japanese
archipelago.

The attack by the North Pacific fleet under
the command of Vice-Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher was the

first bombardment of ~~a place on~~ Japanese home territory by U. S. warships *during this war.*

And, Tokyo promptly warned the ^{*subjects of the Mikado*} ~~Japanese~~ that this was probably the beginning of an American invasion of the Kuriles. Tokyo has been telling the world for some time that we have a hundred thousand picked men, airborne troops in the Aleutians, training for an invasion of the Kuriles.

That is only one part of the story of Japanese anxiety. The final squelching of all resistance on Kwajalein by the Seventh U.S. Infantry Division has also alarmed the ^{*Nipponese.*} ~~Mikado's people~~. Some people here in the United States maintain that even with the invasion of the Marshalls we are only picking at the outer crust of Japan's defenses. But, a highly placed Jap spokesman was overheard broadcasting a warning tonight that the Marshalls were the front porch entrance to Tokyo, ^{*with*} ~~and~~ only the Bonin Islands ^{*left*} ~~are~~ in the way. That ^{*Tokyo*} ~~the~~ spokesman concluded with the words:- "The enemy is probably finally thinking of bombing Tokyo in earnest."

ATROCITIES

The latest from Japan is that the Mikado's government is now accusing us and the British of

torturing Japanese prisoners. That is their answer to

the recent accounts we have had of their
~~the descriptions of the atrocities practiced on British~~
barbarous treatment of our people,
~~and American prisoners of war by the Jap armies. The~~

~~accusation was first~~ broadcast today by a spokesman for

the Tokyo Foreign Office ^{today} ~~He~~ charged that four Japs

~~nationals~~ had been murdered in a California camp,

and, that ten Nipponese were scalded with boiling water,

and then
~~thereupon~~ their eyes ~~were~~ gouged out, in the Philippines

before the Japs conquered the islands. He also

alleges that eighteen thousand Japs were interned

under atrocious conditions

at Davao in the Philippine Islands.

And, [^] he made the same *charges concerning* ~~accusation about Jap nationals~~

Japanese
[^] captured and interned in British territory.

The consequence of one pilgrimage to Mecca has brought ill-feeling between two of the important Moslem rulers of the Middle East.

A devout Mohammedan from Persia, which we now know as Iran, was arrested in that Holy City of the Moslems, accused of an act of sacrilege. Since the holy places of Islam came under the rule of Ibn Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, discipline has been rigid. That doughty Bedouin goliath is not only a stern autocrat, but he and his Central Desert people are ardent Puritans. Well, Ibn Saud executed that pilgrim from Iran -- executed him for having desecrated a mosque in Holy Mecca. Whereat, the government of Iran is furious and threatens to break off ~~xi~~ diplomatic relations. Fellow pilgrims from Persia said the man who was executed was very old, and became ill in an over-crowded mosque because of the heat. Ibn Saud's police arrested him and immediately cut off his head, with a sword. There were six thousand Iranian pilgrims in Mecca at the time, and they resented this summary

justice -- or injustice. Thereupon the Arabians retaliated, and proceeded to abuse all the Iranian ix pilgrims.

A dispatch from Cairo reports that the incident has aroused agitation all over the Middle East, fanned by provocative reports in the Arabic press.

The United Press has been asking Republican Senators in Washington whom they prefer for a presidential candidate. The answer? Governor Dewey of New York. Next, Governor Bricker of Ohio; third, General Mac Arthur; and fourth, Wendell Willkie. That's the order, says the United Press.

The vigorous and successful Governor Warren of California was also named, not as a choice for president, but for vice-president.

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~~Out in Illinois, where there will be a primary in April, and the name of General MacArthur already has been entered in the lists, along with the fighting editor and publisher of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE, Colonel McCormick, who says he will have none of it.~~

Wendell Willkie seems to be getting set to campaign for delegates in the Middle West; he makes no bones about it.

TAXES

Congress has finished its job with the new tax bill, the one expected to raise two billion, three hundred and fifteen millions ^{of} extra revenue.

Washington believes the President will not veto it, though he disapproves highly. ^{For its} ~~It is~~ eight billion, eight hundred and eighty-five millions less than the amount which Mr. Roosevelt and the Treasury asked.

To show how much he disapproves, the President will probably let ^e ~~the~~ bill become law by default.

One of the things it does ^{is} ~~to taxpayers is to~~ wipe out the ten per cent earned income credit. Thus a man pays the same rate of money that he has earned, as a rich man on income that he has inherited. On the other hand, it ^{is} ~~freezes~~ the Social Security Tax at the present one per cent rate. There are ^{some} ~~New Dealers~~ in Congress, including Senator Wagner of New York, who want the rate raised to a flat six per cent.

ADD TAXES

Senator Sheridan Downey of California

received a post card from one of his constituents

in San Diego, ^{about which he} ~~and he~~ told his fellow Senators ~~about~~

it today. The Post card read:- "My dear Senator

Downey, I hope you roast one thousand years for each
minute I put in on this Federal Income Tax report".

The California Senator said he was unable to obey
the injunction but he sympathized for his constituent
and ~~xxxx~~ his unhappy state of mind.

COLONEL

An Army Colonel and ^{two} ~~a~~ news cameraman staged a gaudy comedy today in the business district of Santa Ana, California, where the War Department has an air base. Colonel Canella, former football star of the University of Iowa, had been arraigned before a United States Commissioner on charges of bribery. A couple of cameramen were waiting outside and the Colonel would not leave the Commissioner's office until they inveigled him out by a trick, one of those tricks at which cameramen are ~~exceedingly~~ ~~excessively~~ adept.

A The ~~Colonel~~ ^{Colonel,} ex-football star, raced to the elevator and thought he was safe. But when he got to the ground floor, he found the photographers were ahead of him, they had run down the stairs. The Colonel slugged one of the cameramen in the jaw and ~~hit another one~~ ^{slammed another} ~~of them in the~~ camera, ^{knocking it out of focus.}

Then followed a chase through the streets of Santa Ana. First the cameramen chased the Colonel then the Colonel turned and chased the cameramen.

We shall have to wait for the art pages in tomorrow's papers before we know who was the winner.

As a result of many years experience I ~~may~~^{can} say ~~positively~~ that you never win a fight with a cameraman. *It's far wiser to - well, just take your medicine.* ~~It is much better to be nice, and~~

MOON

In this country, as well as all round this globe, there are farmers who insist that certain crops should be planted while the moon is waning; that others should be sown during the first two quarters; and so on. Others say it's all nonsense. Well, in the hope of finding out which school is right, a Yale professor has been making some experiments, electrical recordings of the activity of maple trees. And, he finds that there is a distinct correlation between the biological activity of maples and the phases of the moon. In fact, he said that the peaks of activity seem to be more closely associated with the phases of the moon than with any other factor ~~in~~ that can be determined.

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+ Now, what do you know about that - Roger?
the sun?

~~MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1944.~~

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

News of some historic importance from the war in the Pacific tonight. Our North Pacific fleet, under the command of Vice-Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, has delivered the first attack by the United States Navy in this war on Japanese home territory. ^{And} that's the most important thing about the ~~much publicized~~ bombardment of Paramushiru. ~~Paramushiru~~ ^{That it} rates as an assault on a ^{part} of Japan because ^{it} is the northernmost point of the Japanese archipelago. ^{Paramushiru} There the Japs have one of their strongest naval and air bases. It was there, incidentally, that the American world fliers landed in Nineteen Twenty-Four in the first mass flight around the world.

^{much about the}
We are not told, ~~how much~~ ^{damage} was accomplished

by Admiral Fletcher's fleet, but it was enough to give all the inhabitants of Japan a lusty attack of the jitters. They ~~had~~ been expecting for some time an invasion of Paramushiru and the other Kurile Islands, and they ^{have} broadcast to the world frequently that we had a force of a hundred thousand specially trained troops in the Aleutians in preparation for that task.

The Navy Department announces that the guns of the fleet started numerous fires among Jap installations there, and forced the beaching of one ship. The coastal guns of the enemy fired back but inflicted no damage.

The naval attack was followed up by an air raid, the twelfth that has been made at Paramushiru.

Turning south in the Pacific, we have good news tonight that ~~the G.I.'s of~~ the Seventh infantry ^{has} ~~division have~~ ^{squashed} ~~put an end to~~ all organized resistance on Kwajalein. That means the beginning of the end of the

reign of the Japanese in the Marshalls, a reign that has lasted twenty-five years. The Navy tells us further that the total Jap casualties in the Battle of the Marshalls to date is eight thousand, three hundred and eighty-six. American casualties stand at ~~only~~ one

thousand, five hundred and sixteen. *Eight thousand one hundred and twenty two Japs were killed, only two hundred and sixty four taken prisoner. all*
One infantry regiment wiped out ^{all} resistance on

Ebeye Island, north of Kwajalein. By that victory they have possession of the biggest enemy sea base in the Marshalls. The fight there lasted only twenty-seven hours.

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From another part of the Pacific, we learn that the Japs have been trying out a new fighter plane in the air over Rabaul. It is called the "Tojo", and is faster, with more fire power, than previous Jap fighter craft.

Tokyo today broadcast the claim that one of the Miakdo's submarines last week sank a large American

cruiser in the waters of the Marshall group. The Japs also claim to have shot down twenty-six of our planes in one raid out of a formation of some two hundred and twenty. This they claim happened on February Third. The following day, they claim to have shot down eleven out of an American formation of a hundred and forty-three. And on February Fifth they say that they shot down fifty-five of our craft and damaged three others. In all these dogfights, they declare they lost only three of their own planes.

Q.W.I.

Elmer Davis, Director of the Office of War Information, has won his fight with Playwright Robert Sherwood, Director of the Overseas Division.

It was ^{all} a fight over the firing of three of ~~the~~ key men, ~~of O.W.I.~~ ^{men} ~~connected~~ with ^{O.W.I.} ~~its~~ operations on the other side of the Atlantic. Davis told Sherwood to fire them. ^{Playwright} ~~and~~ Sherwood said he wouldn't. So, they both took their troubles to the White House. Mr. Roosevelt is believed to have told them both that they would have to settle it themselves. It was settled today.

~~because~~ The three men ^{involved} ~~in question~~ resigned. And, Playwright Bob Sherwood will go to London to reorganize his overseas outfit there.