

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight the Democrats are converging on Chicago, as a matter of fact, most of them are there engaged ~~ix~~ in a wild scramble for hotel rooms. ^{ready} Political ^{reporters} ~~reports~~ have predicted a dull convention, but we cannot forget ~~xxxx~~ that it will be historic in two ways. It will be the first time that any political party has assembled to nominate a candidate for a fourth term. And that is a foregone conclusion, ⁱⁿ the bag.

Secondly, never since the days of ~~xxx~~ Aaron Burr have there been so much excitement and speculation over a nomination ~~xx~~ for the Vice Presidency.

For many weeks now, the country has been wondering how strongly Mr. Roosevelt would go for his Vice President, Henry A. Wallace. Now we have the

answer:- It was ~~just~~ made public only about an hour ago, in the shape of a letter from the President to Senator Jackson of Indiana, permanent Chairman of the Convention. Mr. Roosevelt used these words "I have been associated with Henry Wallace during his past four years as Vice President, for eight years earlier while he was the Secretary of Agriculture and well before that". ^{Then} Mr. Roosevelt ~~continued~~ continued, "I like Henry Wallace and I respect him and he is my personal friend. For these reasons, I personally would vote for his reelection if I were a delegate to the convention."

Then/President Roosevelt added a paragraph which will throw the ~~question~~ ^{Vice presidential race} open. For he wrote that he did not wish to appear in any way as dictating to the convention. Obviously, he said, the convention must do the deciding and he added "it ~~should~~ should and I am sure it will give great consideration to the pros and cons of its choice."

Incidentally the President revealed that he would be away from Washington for a few days.

TR While Mr. Roosevelt's letter throws the

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~~question~~ open, it gives no assurance of what ~~my~~ may be

enacted

~~enacted~~ behind the scenes. ■■ It leaves no doubt

about the fact that the ~~Big Fellow~~ ^{F. D. R.} wants Henry Wallace

again. And, the Vice President has plenty of friends.

Another point in his favor is, ~~xxx~~ as one political reporter puts it, there are ^{nearly as many} ~~many~~ candidates for

Vice President in Chicago than there are delegates.

[Faint, mostly illegible text from the reverse side of the page, including phrases like "Every field and every road outside the camp are mined", "and life is pretty rough", "But", "He's a lad who wants to", and "The YAC who is supposed to replace him in the war."]

A detachment of Wacs is now with the American invasion army in Normandy.[!] And what do you suppose was their first reaction? They find it ~~positively~~ "relaxing," after ^a ~~two~~ month of robot bombs in England. *One of them* ~~the private~~ said ~~that~~ the best way to get away from war was "to head for the front lines."

However, we may take that as a figure of speech, since the WACS are forbidden to walk anywhere alone. Every field and every road outside the camp are mined, and life is pretty rough. Army sentries ^{protect} ~~guard~~ the WACS camp, night and day. Corporal Fred Salina of Perrysville, Pennsylvania, said he never thought his part in the war would be guarding a bunch of girls. ^{But} ~~That~~ is not what worries ~~him~~ another sentry, Private Van Vorst of Kalamazoo, Michigan. *He's a ~~the~~ lad wants to* ~~Private Van Vorst would like to~~ find the WAC who is supposed to replace him in the war.

The WACS went to work as soon as they arrived at

the camp, some of them relieving men at the switchboards, others functioning in the cook tent, and various other jobs.

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ITALY

In Italy, the Fifth Army is now less than two miles from Leghorn. Our men have seized one of the three hills overlooking the historic harbor, and they are attacking the other two. Elsewhere they are reported to be within sight of the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa - sometimes referred to as one of the ^{architectural} wonders of the world.

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PACIFIC

It seems that in British military circles the idea is going round that the war in Europe is going to be won this year. Several weeks ago we heard Prime Minister Churchill, in positive tones, say that the Allies will "crack the Nazi nut" before long. Well, today we have the Prime Minister of Australia to the same effect. Prime Minister ^{Curtin} ~~XXXXX~~ told the opening session of the Australian Parliament that before the year is out, the Japs will face not only the United States but large and powerful British units.

General Mac Arthur, said he, has accomplished most of the formidable jobs that were planned for him two years ago. And now he is ready to begin the final and decisive phase of his assignment, the defeat of the Mikado's forces in the southwest Pacific.

Before that war is finished, said Mr. Curtin, the Japanese will face an overwhelming superiority of not

only sea power and air power, but also manpower. They will be defeated as decisively as Hitler.

Curtin said ^{that} Churchill had told him some of the plans for the part to be played by the forces of the United Kingdom in the defeat of Japan. The British may have to begin in a small way; but ^{that} before it is over they will haul all their forces into the Pacific conflict.

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the change in the Japanese high command. The government has removed its Minister of the Navy, Admiral Shimada. In his place is Admiral Nomura, commandant of the naval station at Kure. Until last March, Nomura was only a Vice-Admiral and did not become a member of the Supreme War Council of the Miakdo until August, last year.

the protesters,
This change is definitely interpreted as an acknowledgment that the Japs are alarmed. The official Tokyo news agency announced that the change was made because of the present grave war situation.

BEAR

~~The story I now have to tell is unpleasant.~~ A party of four merrymakers in New York decided upon an unusual finish to their evening's amusement. They went to the zoo in Central Park and visited the cages inhabited by two huge polar bears. Disregarding the signs, they climbed over the four foot ^{outer} fence supposed to keep visitors at a distance. They woke the bears up with great difficulty, which infuriated the animals. One of ^{the frolickers,} ~~them~~ a corporal on leave, shoved his service cap through the bars of the cage. The male bear, a nine hundred pound animal named Soc, swiped at the cap and knocked it from the soldier's hand. He fished it out by breaking off a branch from a nearby tree. ^{TP} Then one of the women in the party, Catherine Searles of Rahway, New Jersey, waved her handkerchief through the bars. ~~Evidently~~

~~The growling~~ polar bear swung his massive paw with its ~~claws of steel~~ ^{long claws, and the result was that} and the unfortunate girl

lost her entire right arm. For when they rushed her to a hospital, the surgeon had to amputate the arm to save her life.

Yes, those signs telling us not to ~~xxx~~ annoy the animals at the zoo really mean what they say -- Beware of the animals!

~~And now, Hugh, what do you say?~~

There is considerable drama also in the fact that the main nomination of F.D.R. will be made by Senator Alben Barkey of Kentucky, "Dear Alben," who astonished the country earlier this year by denouncing the President.

There has been much speculation about what part would be played by Jim Farley, the man who played such a vital part in making Franklin D. Roosevelt President of the United States. Jim has his headquarters at the Blackstone Hotel, and it is no secret that he is opposed to the idea of a Fourth Term just as he was to the third term. How much of a following has Jim Farley now? Another day or two may tell the ~~story~~ story.

As to the Democratic Platform, it will be a short one. National Chairman Hannegan put it this way:

"It might well consist of just one word -- Roosevelt!" said he.

RUSSIA

The armies of Soviet Russia have now reached what is called the Curzon Line, the Polish frontier as suggested by former British Foreign Secretary Lord Curzon. The Red Armies are pushing straight for Bialystok and Brest-Litovsk, key points in the German defense. They are already within sixteen miles of Brest Litovsk, a spectacular advance.

Further north, other Red Armies are $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and a half ~~xxxx~~ inside the border of Latvia. The columns aiming for East Prussia gained as much as sixteen miles in one day. In fact, the people in East Prussia can now hear the sound of the fighting already, and one report has it that the Nazi government is evacuating the population.

Stories from Germany by way of Sweden bring word of panic in East Prussia. It is rumored that the Nazi defense authorities have issued an order that every house must become a fortress, every roof and window a machine gun nest, every garden a

tank trap. Swedish papers have stories describing the roads as crowded with refugees, removing all their possessions in small carts, with sheep and cows in the procession. The British radio reported that the more well-to-do East Prussians are crowding all the trains and hiring boats at exorbitant prices to escape by way of the Baltic Sea.

The Nazi radio in Berlin ^{announced} ~~has~~ ~~reported~~ that a huge Soviet army had started another drive in southeastern Poland and advanced within thirty-five miles of Lwow. Many railroad lines meet there, and the Nazis have turned it into one of their strongest fortresses. Moscow says nothing about this offensive.

INVASION

~~There was~~ ^A house to house fighting in the streets of Saint Lo tonight. The vanguards of General Omar Bradley's first Army broke into the suburbs, and the old fortress of the Empress Charlemagne is ⁽surrounded. ~~###~~ [^]

The attack began at four thirty in the morning.

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Bradley's infantry went into the town cold, that is,

they started without the usual preface of an artillery

bombardment. ^{And -} They took the Germans by surprise. They

Nazis reeled back from the charge of the Americans, and early

this afternoon the Yanks were in the outskirts of

Saint Lo. ~~By ten o'clock this morning~~ ^{had} The weather cleared

and the ~~troops~~ ^{troops} had the advantage, for the first time

in ~~many~~ days, of air support

It is not yet time to start cheering over Saint

Lo. Military experts describe it as the backbone of

the German defense line, and the Nazis are fighting

for it to the last ditch. In fact, some observers

will be
predict the battle [^] as tough as that which General Clark's Fifth Army had in Italy for Cassino.

The Battle of Normandy ^{generally} is going so well that ~~British General Sir Bernard~~ Montgomery believes it

~~is quite~~ likely the Allies will be able to knock

Germany out of the war this year. ^{Gen.} Montgomery ^{stated*} ~~imposed~~

~~this~~ ^{he made} in a broadcast ^{But, he} from France. [^] ~~He~~ added an

If to his prophecy -- if we do ^{our} ~~that~~ [^] stuff properly.

Then ~~he~~ he used these words. "Everything is going well, yet you know as well as I do that the German ~~who~~ who is fighting us is a very great fighter defensively".

~~The late bulletin from~~ Allied Supreme Headquarters reports that although the Germans are resisting strongly the steady pressure of the Allied Armies is too strong for them, and has achieved new breaches in the German defense ~~line~~ line.

The late bulletin also reported^s that American
patrols have driven across the ^{J-ee} Aye River near ^{Lessay} Lessay.

This was a difficult operation because the basin of the
river was flooded.

absence in England was to have a piece of shell taken out of his back. MacMillan had been wounded while covering the capture of Cherbourg, but paid no attention to his wounds, carried on with his job until Cherbourg fell.

Well, The sad news is that during the battle for Caen, the outfit with which Tilly was associated at the time was under heavy mortar fire. Tilly tried to cross the road to join her pals. Suddenly, a number of British tanks appeared. Tilly lost her nerve, hesitated, and died under the treads of the leading ^{British*} tank.

In a short space of time, Tilly made a ~~number~~ great number of friends, both British and American. She will be remembered not only as the dog who licked the general's ear, but also the pup who shared field rations with privates and generals. She was the first dog to welcome General DeGaulle when he landed in Normandy, and when King George the Sixth of England arrived, Tilly stood at attention. — So the story goes.

HEROES

Among our lads in Normandy, is a sixteen year old youngster from Chicago named Partick John MacDonogh whose origin is not difficult to guess. There are six MacDonough brothers in Uncle Sam's fighting armies.

Well, on the first day that Pat MacDonough saw fighting he found himself alone on a road surrounded by Germans. Toward him came a small column of six two and one half ton trucks. The sixteen year old lad from Chicago let loose with his machine gun, emptied three clips, and when they were gone he threw in several hand x grenades for good measure. As the smoke blew away, it turned out that this Chicago lad in his first fight had killed three Nazis, wounded a fourth, and taken five prisoners. The Germans thought they had been ambushed by a company, not by just one 16-year old MacDonough. When it was all over, Pat went up to his captain and said:

"Well, sir, I've had my baptism of fire."

The captain agreed.

Hugh McGettigan of Newton, Massachusetts, formerly a reporter on an American paper. told the

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of a sixteen year old Pat MacDonough, not as an exceptional tale but as a characterisitic one. His own ba talion , for instance, has many lads like young Pat and that battalion has been in the front line fighting for thirty-four days, without a rest.

McGettigan says it's almost impossible to get his men t to leave the front line, ~~is~~ even when they are wounded.