

BOMBING

Tonight a British industrial city is being bombed frightfully. We are not told what city it may be. The London bulletin merely describes the scene of tonight's air attack as <sup>again</sup> being in the Midlands, Britain's great area of factories, <sup>and</sup> war industry. But it is possible to make a guess - Sheffield. That's Britain's <sup>mighty</sup> ~~great~~ center of ~~the~~ steel, ~~industry,~~ an historic concentration of <sup>vast</sup> ~~mighty~~ forges of fire and metal. <sup>well</sup> We can't say for certain, but it may turn out that it is Sheffield being bombed tonight. The London dispatch indicates that the attack is of the ~~prolonged~~ <sup>prolonged</sup> intensity of the destruction of Coventry. The United Press report uses these words - "full blitzkrieg tempo." So it may be that <sup>still</sup> another British industrial city is being wiped out. The story tells of fierce air battles in the night sky, R.A.F. fighters winging wrathfully to engage the bombers. The beams of searchlights cutting the moonlit <sup>heavens.</sup> ~~sky~~ Warplanes seeking each other and clashing in the fantastic illumination. One could hardly think of anything more strange and eerie - air battle at night.

Last night the fury of the air raiding was concentrated on Birmingham, that huge industrial city. Today's stories relate that the storm of bombing was as ~~xxx~~ great as any during the

present war. Birmingham badly devastated. Yet the British claim the havoc was mostly in residential and business sections - not in the vital areas of the factories, the war industry. Berlin, on the other hand, declares the factories of Birmingham were badly smashed, set ablaze, raging fires. And today the Nazis claimed that it was all a part of a systematic campaign to destroy the British industrial centers, one by one, night after night. Coventry first, last night they concentrated on Birmingham, and tonight? Probably Sheffield, the city of steel.

It may seem like a fantastic phrase, but air raiding follows the moon, like a mad man's fancy or the baying of dogs. It's full moon in western Europe now, the perfect time for night raiding. That factor is prominently mentioned in the latest report of R.A.F. bombing against the Nazis. Here ~~are~~<sup>a</sup> famous names ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> mentioned - Skoda, the mighty munitions plant in Bohemia. The Skoda Works are now an ace unit of the German armament industry, and last night the ~~great~~<sup>†</sup> plants ~~^~~<sup>^</sup> were blasted and set afire by Royal Air Force bombers. Bohemia is a long way from Britain, but the R.A.F. pilots found their mark. And today the story from

London tells how the bright light of the full moon enabled them to hit their targets with almost the accuracy of daylight bombing.

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HUNGARY

Hungary today joined the Axis-Japanese Alliance. German and Italian sources hailed the importance of this, but there's nothing clear about what it really may mean -- Hungary formally signing up in what the Nazi-Fascist people are calling the "New Order in Europe." The Budapest announcement of the alliance lays special emphasis on -- peace. It states that the purpose of the new pact is to aid in terminating the war. There may be something in this -- that today's event, like Hitler's other recent busy diplomatic moves, is part of a peace drive to be launched soon.

Here the latest:- A Longon report that the British Government will soon state its war aims more clearly -- to offset Hitler's peace moves.

Budapest reports that Rumania is about to join up -- that the Rumanian signature will be put on the line when the Bucharest Premier goes to Berlin on Friday.

Also -- Bulgaria shows signs of tying up with the new Nazi system of alliances. That was indicated in Sofia today, with remarks about probable large developments.

From Greece the words is about the same -- the Greeks claiming successful attacks, new Greek victories; the Italians claiming that all attacks were repelled.

Rome reports that one of the most important personalities in the Fascist Party may have been killed in action -- General Muti. He was Secretary General of the Fascist Party and then resigned to serve as a war flyer in Greece. He went winging on an air raid last Monday, and failed to return. Rome fears that General Muti may have been shot down and killed -- following the way of that other celebrated Fascists, Balboa, who perished in circumstances of some mystery during an air battle in Egypt.

BOMBERS

Chief of Staff General Marshall announced today that the British are to get a consignment of large army bombers now under construction. They're to be given priority. That is -- Britain gets the first batch of bombers off the assembly line, these having been ordered by the Army. Our own defense will wait to get its share of the monster aircraft, a delay of about three months. These bombers are the flying fortress type, though more advanced in design than the flying fortresses the Army now has.

In return for getting priority on the big bombers, the British respond by giving the Army priority on a large number of motors which ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> Air Corps needs. These motors were ordered by London, ~~by~~ <sup>but</sup> now the Army will get the first to come off the Assembly line.

NAVY DENIAL

There seems to be mighty little to the story that United States destroyers stopped and examined two ships off the coast of Mexico last Monday. The Navy Department in Washington today issued a complete denial - saying that no ships had been stopped and boarded, and furthermore that no United States destroyers were in the neighborhood of the place where the incident occurred. To this Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox added his own denial, intimating that the tale was a matter of propaganda.

On top of that, there's a denial from Tampico, Mexico. This emanates from the captains of the two vessels in question - a Mexican tanker and a Honduran freighter. They declare that their vessels were not stopped and boarded by United States destroyers. Their version is that they merely got signals, asking their identity. They answered - and that's all there was to it.

BATTLESHIP

We have a report tonight on the fire that broke out aboard the battleship SOUTH DAKOTA, the United States Navy giant which is under construction at Camden, New Jersey. The fire sounded sensational when it occurred, with the ever-present surmise of - sabotage.

Today's official report describes the blaze in these words,

"accidental and unimportant." (So accidental and unimportant that

? { there won't be any investigation.) The explanation of the fire is

simple. In a forge to heat rivets, charcoal was burned and a piece

52 of red hot charcoal fell on a rubber-exhaust pipe. This caught fire,

as also did a small pile of debris. Nothing much to it except a

lot of smoke. This was so dense and acrid that several workmen

were overcome - (which made the affair sound large and serious.

? { But there was really nothing <sup>much</sup> to it. } ~~"accidental and unimportant."~~

Secretary of the Navy Knox today was asked whether any evidence of sabotage had been found in recent cases of mishap at navy yards. He replied - no, no evidence of sabotage. Nevertheless, he added, the Navy is very much on the alert.



NAVY

The Navy announces it is getting a lot of recruits <sup>under</sup> ~~in~~ its new Minority Enlistment Plan. Boys between seventeen and eighteen are taken for a limited period of service, until they reach the age of twenty-one. They do their bit aboard warships like regular sailors - and are taught useful mechanical trades, such as will be valuable to them in civilian life. Large numbers of lads are jumping at the chance to join the Navy and be trained for a trade.

TAXES

There's to be an attempt to balance the budget <sup>--- i.e.</sup> - exclusive of national defense. The government intends to <sup>increase</sup> ~~raise~~ taxes next year, boost them sufficiently to pay for all federal expenditures - except the billions needed for armament.

Today Congressman <sup>D</sup> ~~D~~oughton, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, had a conference with President Roosevelt. When he emerged from the White House he issued the following statement:-  
"Outside of increased national defense costs," he declared - "it is my individual opinion that after effecting every proper and reasonable economy, we should raise sufficient additional revenue to meet the regular expenses of the government." He added, "The Lord knows, we won't be able to meet this thirteen billion or fourteen billion of increased defense costs."

Chairman Doughton said he couldn't make any guess about how much the taxes would be <sup>boosted,</sup> ~~raised,~~ (That depends on two things:

One- because of the improvement of business the government is getting more out of the present rate of taxation. ~~The increase is likely to continue nobody knows how much.~~ Secondly - expenditures outside of defense are to be trimmed. ~~Once again it's doubtful -~~

## RESCUE

There's an epic of rescue in eastern Canada. Four days ago, a bomber of the Royal Canadian Air Force was flying on the Atlantic coast patrol. The big ship, in trying to reach Montreal, ran out of gas above the East Lake region of Quebec. It's ~~dense~~ wilderness there - not far from the Maine border. The bomber, with no more fuel, could only glide to a ~~xxx~~ crash in the dense forest. Six aviators were aboard, <sup>with</sup> nothing to ~~xxxx~~ do but bail out. They took to their parachutes, one after another - and descended drifting and swinging - down into the treetops.

One of the six landed uninjured, and presently contrived to make his way to East Lake, where he told the story. The other five were somewhere out there in the wilderness - injured or uninjured in their parachute descen<sup>t</sup>~~d~~; nobody knew. But everybody did know that the northern forest is a perilous place in which to be lost. It's bitterly cold at this time of the year - and the five aviators had no supply of food.

An intensive search was organized, on the ground and through the air. All available planes went flying over the vast

expanse of forest, seeking for some sign of the missing men. The <sup>4</sup> United States made its contribution. Nine army bombers flew to help in the rescue. They landed in Montreal today, but thus far have been kept grounded by bad weather. They're waiting for the skies to clear to take off.

Well, The search led to a flashing bit of melodrama today.

Flashing is right - flaming. A Canadian bomber engaged in the hunt for the missing aviators crashed in trying to land at Montreal.

Ceiling was virtually zero, low hanging mist and drizzling rain.

The bomber, as it glided blindly down to the field, hit some

telephone wires, and took a head <sup>or</sup> ~~on~~ for a crash. It instantly

burst into flames. And for a moment it seemed like ghastly tragedy.

Two pilots were in the fiercely blazing bomber. Yet, they got out;

as if by a miracle they emerged from the <sup>flames --</sup> ~~plane~~ - bruised a bit,

singed a bit, but nothing serious.

And here's the latest - one of the missing five aviators has been located. A searching plane spotted him in the woods, half a mile north of the Maine border. Apparently he was all right, after his parachute descent four days ago - four long days lost in the

wintry woods. The rescue plane circled around him and dropped emergency rations - a supply of food. And a wireless call went flashing, instructing search parties on the ground where to go.

*The locating of*  
~~one of~~ the missing flyers ~~located~~ today *has* ~~and that~~

raised hope that the other four may still be alive, waiting to be rescued. So the search is being intensified - up there in the bleak and frosty woodlands of the north.

MURDER

In California, one of the strangest of law suits was filed today - and it certainly does look bad for Murder Incorporated. That gangster organization of the Brooklyn underworld is being relentlessly prosecuted. Some of its big-shots have already been condemned to the electric chair. Right now, charges of murder are being pressed against some more of them. These include a big-shot called Bugsie Siegel. He's under arrest in California, and the other day made headlines when it was disclosed that Bugsie Siegel has been getting all sorts of favors while in jail, or supposedly in jail - including the favor of going to a night club and there entertaining a Hollywood motion picture actress. *Bugsie and the Babe.*

~~In this particular prosecution, the~~ gunmen of Murder Incorporated are accused of killing a Brooklyn gangster who had gone to Hollywood. His name was Harry Greenberg - they called him "Big Greenie." The gang suspected that he might squeal, and he was *bumped off* ~~killed~~ at Los Angeles a year ago - almost exactly a year. It happened last Thanksgiving Day. Big Greenie left a widow, and today she entered suit for a hundred and fifty thousand dollars - damages

for the loss of her husband, Big Greenie. The suit is against the gangsters accused of the killing. They include that same big-shot, Bugsie Siegel, who while supposedly in jail was permitted to go nightclubbing with a movie actress.

The hundred and fifty thousand dollar suit suggests some paradoxical possibilities. If the defendants are liable for the damages, it also means they're guilty of the crime for which they're to be tried. If they should be convicted, and possibly sent to the chair, how could the damages be collected? Anyway, it's something more for Murder Incorporated to worry about, the likelihood of being socked for a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Or, maybe that won't worry them so much - with the ~~electric chair~~ <sup>hot seat</sup> staring them in the face.

MISSING LINK

It would be sensational news to announce - "The missing link has been found!" But what do we <sup>hear</sup> ~~find~~ tonight? The link is not only still missing, but has always been missing - there never was any missing link. So declares Dr. Richard Goldschmidt, Professor of Zoology at the University of California. Some years ago, Dr. Goldschmidt was a co-worker with Professor Einstein - in Germany. Now, like Einstein, he's a refugee from the Nazis.

TP At the University of California, he has been continuing a quest that he <sup>has</sup> made for thirty years - researching to find the missing link. <sup>But today</sup> ~~now~~ he states scientifically - there ain't no such animal, <sup>The Prof of Zoology</sup> never was. ~~He~~ explained that there was no gradual transition from ape to man, with intermediate stages. Ape became man all of a sudden, overnight, at one fell swoop. <sup>The Professor</sup> ~~The Doctor~~ tells us it's a difference between microevolutionary and macroevolutionary. The ~~microevolutionary~~ micro kind being evolutionary by small stages, minute changes. The macro sort being evolution with a jump. The result of this sudden change of macroevolution may be a monstrosity incapable of surviving. But it also may be something that does survive, and continues as a brand new and altogether



different type. That's the way it was with mankind, says the zoologist. He went to bed a chimpanzee and woke up a professor of zoology.

And now Hugh with some scientific facts also - maybe.