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FOREIGN GOLD

The United States Senate today passed a bill that *will not meet the approval of Herr Hitler.*
~~Fuehrer Hitler won't like.~~ It keeps in this country all the money deposited by the European countries that the Nazis have conquered. And it's quite a sizeable sum, two billion, six hundred million dollars in foreign gold and cash. It authorizes the Secretary of State to withhold that fund and keep it in the Federal Reserve System and national banks. It will be turned over only to ambassadors, ministers or other representatives of foreign governments that are recognized by the United States. And of course we have not recognized the conquest of either Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Denmark or Holland. Nor, for that matter, of any of the Baltic nations, so Comrade Stalin won't like the bill ~~much~~ either. The Senators passed it unanimously and sent it immediately to the House.

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RUSSIA

Not much chance of an agreement with Russia, that is the friendship between the Soviets and Great Britain and Uncle Sam that some have been suggesting. That much is conceded even in London where there would be the most reason for hoping. Tonight British official circles are pessimistic about possible co-operation from Moscow in spite of the emphasis placed on the long conversations that the British Ambassador has just had with Premier Molotov.

The Russians, on their side, say there's no use wasting time trying to reach an agreement on a large scale when Britain and the United States won't even talk friendship in smaller matter. By which they mean our refusal to recognize the Soviet conquest of Esthonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

However, P people who have just arrived from London do report that official circles in Soviet Russia are afraid of the Axis. For military experts estimate that it would not take more than ten of Hitler's divisions to take over Russia and that the Nazis can have as much of the Soveit Union that they feel like grabbing, as soon as they feel like taking it.

CANADA.

The Canadians are making big strides in aerial warfare and aircraft production. This was reported today by James S. Duncan, Deputy Minister of Air. As a matter of fact, reports to this effect have been coming down ^{to us} from private ~~XXXX~~ sources, ~~in several~~ ^{For the word is that} ~~places north of the international line. Actually,~~ the people of Canada are doing more than was expected of them, more than had been planned. Deputy Minister Duncan announced that at this moment they have more men overseas, more men on home defense, more men in training, more schools in operation, more ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ airdromes constructed, and more buildings ready for occupation than even the most optimistic had anticipated. More than three thousand ships have left Canadian shores for Britain with a full complement. ^{And} The way things are moving ~~now~~, Canada's defense program will be now able to go ahead even faster.

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BRITAIN

After a fairly easy weekend, the Nazis again hurled wave after wave of bombers at Britain. The latest explanation from Berlin is that Air Marshall Goering is not conducting a blitzkrieg, but is using what the Nazis describe as hammer blow strategy. And the spokesman explained that this indicates the ability of Germany's military forces to change their pace just as a baseball pitcher changes his pace. All day, and after dark, the Nazi bombers hurled their heaviest blows at southeast Britain, at the industrial regions of the Midlands and the Thames area.

DOGFIGHT

There was ^{an air battle} ~~a dogfight~~ over England today which ^{offers} ~~ought to~~
~~be of~~ particular fascination to readers of the novels of Thomas
Hardy. For it took place over Dorsetshire, the country ~~which Hardy~~
~~described~~ ^{known} ^(to the lovers of) as Wessex ~~in~~ his famous books such as "Tess of the
Durbervilles", "The Mayor of Casterbridge," and "The Return of
the Native."

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A large formation of German bombers appeared over the
port of Weymouth, and tried to smash its way over ^{Dorset} ~~Dorchester~~,
probably aiming another attack at Bristol or Cardiff. But the
moment they were seen, a squad of ^{non} British fighters ^{went} ~~flew~~ at them,
~~caught them~~ with such speed that ^{German} they had no time to drop ~~any~~ ^{their}
bombs. Then the Archies began to speak, and between the Hurricane ^s
~~planes~~ and the Archies, the Nazi invaders were pinned to a region
in the air over a narrow strip of coastline. They couldn't get
inland and they couldn't get back out to sea. A series of ferocious
dogfights developed high up over Hardy's ~~E~~ Wessex. And presently
the region where Tess eloped with Alec Durberville was littered
with the wreckage of Nazi planes.

ROUMANIA

Fifteen thousand of Hitler's troops are expected on Roumanian soil by tomorrow, with two more divisions to follow later, probably thirty thousand men. Not only motorized divisions but air forces are reported to have moved in.

Such is the news that comes from Bucharest. In Rome and Berlin it is denied. The Axis governments claim that they have made no invasion of Roumania. Nevertheless, the Roumanian legation at Berlin today put out an explanation that the German troops were there to train and reorganize the Roumanian army. Several days ago, Dictator Antonescu announced that he was going to ask for German aid in the reorganization of his army.

Later on, the Roumanian legation contradicted that explanation and said the whole business was still under negotiation. The Nazis declare there was confusion because of the presence of Nazi Storm Troopers. That the men of the Nazi Black Corps were there to repatriate Germans from Bessarabis after its occupation by Soviet Russia.

One unofficial explanation is that the Germans are moving in to protect the Rumanian oil fields against a British plot to sabotage the supplies of petroleum.

At the same time, it is also rumored that Hitler is plotting to establish a base on the Black Sea. And one wonders how Soviet Russia will like that.

FRANCE

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Two French manufacturers and a banker were arrested today, shut up in internment camps by the Petain government. The manufacturers were makers of airplanes and both are Jewish. One of them was the largest manufacturer of motors when the war broke out.

CONSCRIPTION

Regulations for the selective service draft were made public today. Actually, they had been signed last Friday. Along with the regulations was published a statement which made it known that the local draft boards are expected to show sympathetic regard for all men who have dependents. Any doubtful cases are to be settled in favor of men who claim preferred service, whether on account of dependents or for other reasons.

Deferment on account of occupation is left largely to the discretion of the local boards, but the rules and regulations are broad. Anybody is to be considered a necessary man if he cannot be replaced satisfactorily and if his drafting will seriously impair the effectiveness of the plant in which he works. That is, of course, provided that his occupation ~~is something~~ *has to do with* ~~has something to do that is necessary to the~~ national health, safety or interest, "in the sense that it is useful or productive and contributes to the employment or well being of the community or the nation."

No hard and fast rules will work, says the statement.

Each case must be weighed carefully and decided on its own merits.

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And it is emphasized that the maintenance of a family as a unit
is all important to the national well being.

POLITICS

Wendell Willkie today made an invasion into the heart of a Democratic stronghold. He spoke in northern New Jersey, and particularly in Jersey City, the bailiwick of Mayor Frank Hague.

Willkie paid his compliments to the Jersey boss by calling him a "puny Hitler." Incidentally, he spoke in the open air under a huge sign, which read:- "Protect America With Roosevelt."

However, facing it there hung another sign, reading:- "Jersey City Welcomes Willkie, Our Next President."

Before the G.O.P. candidate, ^{visited Jersey City,} ~~came to Jersey~~ Mayor Hague

~~had~~ issued an order to his policemen to see to it that Willkie got

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And Wendell Willkie used a fair hearing. ~~Willkie picked on~~ this for part of his text, and

asked, why shouldn't the people listen ^{courteously} ~~to him so courteously~~ without having to be told to by ^{a boss?} ~~that man?~~

Then he continued:- "For seven and a half years men like this puny Hitler here have attempted to

say who shall and who shall not speak, and ^{have} ~~decided~~ who shall be treated courteously."

While Willkie was talking to the ^(holds in New Jersey) ~~Jersey man~~ President

Roosevelt was making another tour of inspection of defense plans.

He drove from Hyde Park with a large party to Uncle Sam's arsenal

at Watervliet, New York. ~~That~~ With him were Mrs. Roosevelt, New York's Governor Lehman, and quite a troupe of aides, lieutenants and advisors. (He saw heavy machines whirling round, turning out guns of all sorts at the rate of ^{about} ~~nearly~~ a thousand ~~pieces~~ a year. There were thirty-seven millimeter anti-aircraft guns, ~~and~~ modernized Seventy-Fives, trench mortars, eight inch railroad rifles, ranging all the way to huge sixteen inch rifles for Uncle Sam's great battleships. As he left the Watervliet arsenal he told newspaper men that the plant was turning out six guns every calendar day, and that production shortly would be increased to fourteen guns per day.

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SCALISE

Early this year, a plump, well dressed, prosperous man was brought into a New York courtroom, brought in as defendant. He was then a famous union leader, President of the Building Service Employees Union. To be sure, he had never worked as the assistant prosecutor pointed out today. Though a powerful labor leader, the only labor he had actually done was as a prisoner in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. That is, unless you count bootlegging and being a racketeer's bodyguard as work.

Today the same man stood up in court. The nap was off his clothes, which were unpressed, he was unshaved, perspiring, looked dirty and uncomfortable. That was George Scalise whom a jury had convicted of having stolen from the funds of his union while its president. He stood up to hear the judge sentence him to a term of from ten to twenty years in prison.

There had been some argument ^{as to} whether ~~the fellow~~ Scalise should be treated ~~by the judge~~ as a first or a second offender. To the lay mind it would seem that his conviction and sentence on an infamous charge in a federal court made this one a second offense. But the legal minds decided that, as his first

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offense was under federal law and there had been at the time

no state law to cover that particular crime, he goes to prison

— for from 10 to 20 years,
now as a first offender, ~~Even so, Scalise visibly staggered~~

~~when he heard that sentence pronounced today.~~

ROMANCE

A tragedy that broke at Chicago flared out more like a plot of an Italian opera than social life in mid-western America.

Indeed, it brings to mind in a way the libretto of Mascagni's "^{such} Cavalleria Rusticana." That is, as the police gave out the story.

Albert Neiman and Bernard Lindner and their wives had been friends for seven years. Neiman and Lindner were more than friends, they were business partners. Just two weeks ago, so the police report, Lindner was ~~shocked out of his senses when learning~~ ^{startled when he suddenly learned} that there was a secret romance going on between his pal and business partner and his wife. His wife, he said, had told him that she and the partner fell in love almost the day they met and had been in love ever since.

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There was a family conference, a meeting of the two men and their two wives. From every angle, the four distraught people tried to solve the problem by one compromise and another. But Neiman, ~~xxx~~ the man who had fallen in love with his partner's wife, ^(the woman he loved) said that if he couldn't go on seeing ~~her~~ he would commit suicide. So ~~on Sunday~~ there was another conference in a lawyer's office, ^{and it} ~~That one~~ ended fatally. There was a scuffle, three shots fired,

and the love-sick Neiman fell dead, his love sickness cured *for ever*
by a bullet in his heart. And today the partner he was
accused of betraying is in prison, charged with the killing.

BASEBALL

That sixth game in the baseball world series with Cincinnati surely was a hummer. The Cincinnati Reds evened up their score on the Detroit Tigers with one spectacular feat after another. I would have given much to have been there and plenty of other who listened in must have felt as I do. As we heard it over the radio, it surely sounded like World Series baseball, top notch playing. The Reds fighting like champions. Imagine a game in which the fence-busting Detroit Tigers were threatening the Reds three times, and each time were beaten back by a double play. Threeswift, smooth perfect coordinations of muscle and iron ball. And that's baseball.

What a thrill it must have been in the eighth when Bucky Walters, pitching a great game, stood up at the plate to face Relief Pitcher Hutchinson of the Tigers. Hutchinson was the second relief pitcher Detroit called to the mound. And the very first ball that Hutchinson threw to his rival, Bucky Walters, wham! Walters put it out of Crosley Ball Park, drove it out a mile. As a matter of fact, that home run was all velvet; the Reds didn't need it, since Detroit hadn't scored and Cincinnati already had three runs up on the board. At the same time, it was insurance, and anyway, it's

always exciting when a winning pitcher whales out a home-run to help win his own game. It was the last run of the day, leaving the score four to nothing for Cincinnati; a shut-out game pitched by Bucky Walter.

The excitement began in the first inning. The first time Bill McKechnie's Cincinnati Reds came to the plate, they whammed out four hits and scored two runs, and smacked Detroit Pitcher Schoolboy Rowe out of the box! Right at the outset of the game, they knocked out one of the ace pitchers of the baseball world. The second time they had done that to Schoolboy, for only last Thursday they sent him to the showers in the fifth inning.

And ~~is~~ so it ~~is~~ was that they started this game with a comfortable lead of two runs. And with those two runs under their belts, they played inspired ball. Bucky Walters was good, but he never would have had a shut-out without the three double plays of that masterly infield. That makes nine double plays for the Cincinnati Reds in the series up to now.

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This Nineteen ~~Forty~~ World Series ~~has got~~^{gets} better every day.

Thanks to today's Cincinnati victory, it will go to seven games for the first time in six years. It was way back in Nineteen

Thir~~ty~~-Four that the St. Louis Cardinals had to go the limit to

beat the Detroit Tigers. So tomorrow's ~~little party at~~^{game}

will have more excitement than baseball has had to offer since

Nineteen Thir~~ty~~-Four.

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5-9-14 And now Hugh what exciting news from you.