

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY

A report has been released tonight ^{almost too} ~~which~~

~~speaks for itself. The bare facts related in it are~~
shocking and
~~too~~ ^{so} horrible for ~~any~~ comment. More than five thousand
two hundred Americans captured in the Philippines
have died from starvation, thirst, torture and wanton
murder in two Japanese prison camps. The number of
Filipino soldiers treated in like fashion is even
larger. ^{It} That is what happened to our fighting men
who thought they were surrendering on the traditional
theory that a victor respects a brave enemy. These
men found instead that everything that has been said
against the Japs was true. In fact, ^{the} the survivors who
have written this report declare that the men on
Bataan and Corregidor would not have surrendered had
they known what ^{kind of people} the Japs really ^{are} ~~were~~ like.

The report has been prepared with the utmost circumstantial detail. There is no mistaking its truth. It was drawn up by American Army and Navy officers who escaped.

The Japs have reported officially through the Red Cross that some fourteen hundred Americans died from disease and malnutrition and battle wounds. Actually, several times that many have perished.

The prisoners began to suffer immediately after they surrendered on Bataan. At first the ~~and~~ death rate among American soldiers was twenty a day, among Filipinos one hundred and fifty a day. After two weeks that rate increased to fifty deaths a day among the Americans and five hundred a day among the Filipinos. Men shrank from two hundred pounds to ninety.

In one camp it was not unusual for twenty percent of a ~~in~~ detail of prisoners to be worked to death. In one instance seventy-five ~~in~~ percent were thus killed. The journey of American prisoners

from Bataan to Camp O'Donnell is known in the Army as "the march of death". There are such details as these: Men crowded into an enclosure too narrow for them to lie down. An officer asks permission to get water and the Jap guard ~~him~~ beats him with a rifle butt. American prisoners are given what is known as the sun treatment made to sit in the broiling ~~in~~ tropic sun all day without cover.

American soldiers' in one unit were starving. At the ~~road~~ roadside was a large heap of cans of salmon. A U. S. Colonel asked for some of the cans for his men. The Jap officer picked up one of the cans and hit the Colonel in the ~~face~~ face with it.

Seven thousand Americans and five thousand Filipinos were concentrated in a square of concrete one hundred yards each way. Many of them were wounded. They ^{were} kept on this concrete floor without food for a week. At the end of that week they received their first ration, one mess ~~kit~~ kit of rice and a can of sardines.

The Japs had intended to use them in their triumphant ~~xx~~ parade through Manila. On the way to Manila civilians ^{who} attempted to help the prisoners with water and fruit ~~and~~ were beaten by ^{the} Japs.

These were not the actions of irresponsible Japanese privates, or noncommissioned or subaltern officers. They were done systematically under the eye and the encouragement of Japanese General officers.

One such inspected a camp. An American Lieutenant Colonel pointed out to the Japanese General that many of his men were too weak to stand and many were sick. The Jap, who spoke excellent ~~xx~~ English, asked why. The American officer pointed to a meal of white rice and thin carrot-top soup and said, "Here is why, we are all starving". The Japanese General barked out "that will be enough, your men are not starving, they need ~~xxxxxxx~~ more exercise".

Prisoners able to stand are sent back to Japan to work in factories against all provisions of

the Geneva Convention.

All these details are reported by eye witnesses and their statements are sworn.

This report was issued for public release just half an hour ago. Several Congressmen in Washington read it and their reaction was just what might have been expected. Most of them were too stunned to comment at all. Others considered that mere words were inadequate as a reply to such acts. Congressman Bloom of New York, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House declared that every Japanese from the Emperor down to and including the lowest ditch digger should be held responsible.

MacARTHUR

Here is a political story about General MacArthur which contradicts others that we have been hearing recently. One friend who visited his headquarters in the south Pacific told a correspondent that MacArthur believes it would be a good thing for the war if there were an experienced soldier in the White House. The latest statement we heard from the Commander-in-Chief in the southwest Pacific was that MacArthur was more anxious to go to Manila than to the White House. But it seems that the officers around MacArthur think the war would be shortened if a high ranking military man were President of the United States.

However, the General will do nothing about the nomination. In fact he himself will say nothing, ~~will~~ neither say "yes, I am receptive" or "no, I will not run." He is just willing to let events take their course.

ITALY

The soldiers of General Clark's Fifth Army below Rome have just sustained their first big German counter-attack. ^{And,} They threw it back with heavy losses. **But,** tank and artillery duels are becoming more and more frequent.

The beachhead at Anzio now has been spread out in pancake form and reaches ^{to} within twenty miles of the Eternal City. The landing army has been heavily reinforced with not only troops but heavy arms. At the same time, the Germans are recalling their motorized units from their army further south. They are also rushing other troops to that beachhead front, by plane and ^{by} glider, as fast as, ~~and as numerously,~~ as they can. The attack on the beachhead was delivered by ^{the} a crack Nazi mobile division, named after Herman Goering, ^{of} which we have heard much in the past. This was one of those withdrawn from the southern front.

The brunt of the fighting on the Cassino front

is now being carried by French troops.

Correspondents along that pancake beachhead report that that entire front looked as though it were ~~rightixix~~ wrapped in flames and smoke. One of the odd sights they saw was ~~that of~~ British motorcycles taking prisoners to the rear on the back seats of their motorcycles, ^{with} ~~and~~ most of ~~those~~ German prisoners ~~were~~ grinning. — *apparently pleased to be alive and out of the War.*

One correspondent who had formerly been stationed in Rome said to another that it looked as though they could just walk around the bend of that road and go into Rome and take over their ~~own~~ *former* apartments, [^] only twenty miles away.

STIMSON FOLLOW ITALY

There is going to be a heavy battle when the Allies advance closer to the Eternal City. So we are advised by Secretary of War Stimson. ~~The Nazis are sending substantial concentrations of reinforcements~~ *With the* ~~which the Nazis are hastening~~ to the area around Rome, ~~and~~ the War Department ~~believes~~ believes they will try to drive the Allies from this new beachhead, ~~they established so brilliantly over the~~ *All of which* ~~weekend.~~ ~~And this~~ will be only a preliminary to the final struggle for the possession of Rome itself.

Thus far, said Stimson, the situation is highly satisfactory. ~~Advance guards have not met with any serious resistance from the Germans.~~

But The Secretary ~~also~~ warned us not to expect too much from the German evacuation of Cassino. While they ^{Nazis} ~~have~~ been obliged to give up some of their positions in the south, it is much too soon to predict that they are in danger of being surrounded or ^{that they are} facing

^a
~~any~~ serious defeat.

In other words, ^{while} the Nazi forces in southern Italy have been pushed back, ~~but~~ they are still intact, ~~and we must make no mistake about that.~~

The War Department also reports that by January First we had sent about two million, five hundred men overseas, about one-third of our entire army.

By the end of this year, the number will be raised to five millions, *two thirds of our land troops.*

The liberation of Leningrad is now complete.

After twelve days of savage fighting, the Soviet troops

have driven the Nazis back forty to sixty-two miles

from the old capital of the czars. *In leaving so they*

have recaptured more than seven hundred towns and villages

and, according to Moscow, *have* inflicted enormous losses

on the Germans, losses in both men and equipment.

The Red army *ies* ~~forces~~ are keeping up their

attack, and ~~they~~ report that the entire Nazi defense

line from Leningrad to Lake Ilmen is falling apart.

We've heard *like this* ~~such~~ reports before, and so far, although

pushed ~~the Reds have forced the Germans back, there is no~~

~~denying that Hitler's armies are still intact.~~

Numerous times we have heard that huge forces were

about to be ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ surrounded and cut to

pieces. But, the only time that has come true was at

Stalingrad.

ARGENTINA

More about the great spy ring that has been operating down in Argentina. British Foreign Secretary Eden talked about it in the House of Commons today, talked about it quite bluntly. Said Eden: "His Majesty's Government confidently expects the Argentinian Government to crush that vast spy ring." In fact, Downing Street wants the government of colonels to kick out not only all Jap and German officials, but those of other enemy countries or countries associated with the enemy.

~~Now that last sentence has a stinger in it. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Does the British Foreign Secretary mean Spain when he talks about countries associated with the enemy? That is what first comes to mind when you hear the phrase.~~

It is taken for granted on the banks of the Thames that Eden is echoing the feelings of our own

State Department. ~~Correspondents declare that~~ ^The
British have been following ~~the~~ Washington ~~government~~
in all ~~its~~ relations with Argentina.

Eden added that he has already told the
Argentine Government, in reply to a question, that
the British will be glad ^{to help} with their investigations.

And he added that ^{John Bull} ~~His Majesty's~~ government have been
in the closest touch throughout with ^{Uncle Sam,} ~~the United States~~
~~of America.~~

Well, according to the dispatches from
Buenos Aires, the government of colonels is trying to
show that it is ^{in earnest, by cutting} ~~on the level in its break with the~~
~~Axis. They've~~ cut all telephone service to Berlin
and Tokyo. And they have ordered all merchant vessels
flying the Argentinian flag to stay where they are or
run ~~the~~ to neutral ports until they receive
instructions.

SPAIN FOLLOW ARGENTINA

Anthony Eden's remark about countries associated with the enemy was quickly followed by a significant question about Spain. *in the Commons* An Independent member asked whether the Foreign Secretary was aware that political organizations in Spain are helping to recruit Spanish seamen for German U-boat service? The same member went on to demand that *Downing Street* ~~the government~~ warn ~~Francisco~~ Franco that if Spain does not cut that out, the Allies will cut Spain off from oil and other necessary supplies.

Eden declined to answer for the time being, ~~though he did not refuse categorically to reply.~~

But significantly enough, a spokesman for the British Ministry of Economic Warfare reported that Spanish vessels are being stopped on the high seas by Royal Navy patrols ~~because~~ *T* they have been suspected of bringing war materials from South America to Germany.

Those ships have been taken to Gibraltar and searched.

One London newspaper reported unofficially that Eden had warned the Spanish Government that if there is any more unneutral behavior in Spain, there will be an Allied blockade of the Spanish coast.

Now tonight, the word is that the
~~All this produced an immediate repercussion in~~

Allies have cut off all shipments
~~Spain. Franco's Foreign Minister promptly broke out~~

A oil to Spain, from the Caribbean,
~~with a protest that the Falangist government had been~~

— and that's all gas and fuel
~~sticking to international law like a brother. Spain,~~

oil that Spain gets, so it's
~~he declared, has been just as neutral as neutral could~~

vital,

~~be. And he added that the foreign press and radio~~

~~commentators have been very unfair to the Franco-~~

~~government.~~

The press of Switzerland goes so far as to prophesy that Spain as well as Portugal will soon follow Argentina and join the side of the ~~angels,~~ meaning of course the United Nations. The chief

SOLDIER VOTE

The ~~defeat of~~ ^{debate on} the soldier vote in the Senate today was enlivened by ^a three hour attack on President Roosevelt. Not by a Republican ~~but~~ ^{but} by a Democrat from Texas, ~~The man who pitched into the President was none other than~~ Senator ~~W. Lee~~ "Pass-the-biscuits Pappy" O'Daniel. ~~Who~~ ^{He} said that Mr. Roosevelt with the aid of ~~his~~ a yes-man Congress had traded off the God-given freedom-to-work of the American working man for a mess of re-election pottage. ~~Then the Democratic Senator from Texas~~ ^{Then the Democratic Senator from Texas} ~~and he added that he~~ ^{And he added that he} hoped that the voters this year ~~XXXXX~~ would clean house in Washington so thoroughly that we may again have a government of the people, by the people and ^{so on,} ~~for the people,~~ instead of a government of, by and for ~~the labor leader~~ racketeers.

~~The Senator from Texas pitched into the labor union bosses almost as fervently as he did into the President. And he added that the Wagner Labor Act ought to be amended so as to protect the fundamental rights~~ ^{of individual citizens.} ~~in managing their own affairs.~~

STRIKES

The American Federation of Labor in Miami today renewed its pledge of no strikes. The promise was made by President William Green and the Executive Council. Green declared ~~that~~ there was no excuse for work stoppages because they may imperil the lives of those who will participate in the big invasion of Europe. Soldiers must fight, he said, ^{and} by the same token ~~that~~ workers must work. He inferred that all the stoppages that have occurred have been cases of union locals getting out of hand.

TAX

A man went to the Internal Revenue Office at Newark, New Jersey, today to ~~fill~~ file his income tax. He took his wife with him and soon found he had reason to regret it.

The agent helping him fill out his form asked him how much he earned a week. The man shifted from one foot to another until he got a sharp jab in the ribs from the little woman, who said loudly: "Why don't you answer?" The man sighed and admitted to forty-five dollars. Then there was a scene. Said little wifie: "So! you have been holding out ten dollars a week on me, have you!"

~~There seems to be a moral in that, doesn't there,~~

~~Hugh?~~ And now Hugh, I know you have an unusually important message for us tonight.

O.P.A.

Not only beef but veal, mutton and lamb will cost us more points next month. In fact, the nicer cuts of veal are ^{now} up three points. O.P.A. released a complete change of schedule today, with the explanation that supplies of meat are falling off.

The only good news in the O.P.A. report is about canned meats, which were cut from one to two points, and canned fish which has been reduced four points.

Some cheeses were also up four points, ~~and~~
~~needless to say, all the nicest cheeses.~~

Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced that there will be enough ration points in circulation so that there is no likelihood of meat being wasted because housewives don't have the points.

Elsewhere we learn that the government will continue to shut down on the release of metal goods for civilian use. This is not because of any shortage

of metals, but because the wiser officials in Washington think it is good for us.

Two officials of the American Mining Congress reported at Denver today that the government has an over-supply of practically all the metals that are needed for the war.

In Republican circles there is ^{comment} ~~a good deal~~ of ~~indignation~~ concerning the treatment of a prominent member of MacArthur's staff. That member is Lieutenant Colonel Philip F. LaFollette of Wisconsin. LaFollette wanted to run as a delegate to the G.O.P. convention in June, a delegate pledged to MacArthur. But the Adjutant General of the Army says flatly that the War Department cannot permit a member of the army ~~if~~ ~~*****~~ on active duty to participate in the convention of a political party. ~~Nevertheless, the War Department declares that LaFollette's chief, the General himself, is perfectly willing to run for president, a curious feature of military law.~~

There has been another banner night raid over Germany by the Royal Air Force. We don't know exactly where, nor how many bombers went out on this sortie. The British Air Ministry says nothing about it at all, but the radio stations at Berlin and other large German cities went off the air tonight; ~~and that is more than~~ ^{an} ~~a sure~~ indication of bombers ^{on their way,} ~~coming with their deadly~~ ~~load.~~

^{This} ~~In the~~ afternoon there were daylight raids over France and the Low Countries. These were carried out by British and Canadian fighter bombers, hammering at targets on the invasion coast for the fifth day in succession.

BALKANS

In the Balkans, the tide of war seems to be flowing in favor of the United Nations for a change. The headquarters of Marshal Tito Brozovich, leader of the Serb Partisans, announced ^S that ^{Tito's} ~~his~~ armies have cleared the Nazis out of seventy per cent of central

Bosnia. What is more, they have started a new offensive in Montenegro, ^{with} ~~with~~ fighters from the mountains ~~have~~ advanced ^{ing} in two directions, ^{from the} ~~both~~ north and south, and captured ^{ing} a couple of towns, ~~with unpronounceable~~ names and gained ^{ing} control over the entire valley in the south, ~~also with an unpronounceable name.~~

For the last few weeks, the dispatches from the Balkans ^{had} reported mostly successful operations by Rommel's Nazi divisions.

JUDGES

Congress has received
~~There have been~~ complaints

against

~~to Congress about~~

a couple of Pennsylvania federal district judges.

There is a hint that they ~~may~~ concern the conduct of

these members of the bench *in connection with* bankruptcy proceedings.

Congress has been asked to impeach. So, the Judiciary

Committee of the House, next week, will begin a hearing

to decide ~~whether impeachment proceedings should be~~

~~instituted~~. It has been seven years since a judge

has been removed from the bench, ~~and that was down in~~

In fact,
~~Florida~~

^ In the entire history of the United States,

there have been only twelve impeachment proceedings.

REPRISALS

Both the Nazis and the Japanese have evidently decided on a ~~policy of slaughtering~~ ^{harsh policy toward} prisoners. The Nazis pretend that it's in reprisal for the actions of the Russians at Kharkov when they put on trial Nazis whom they captured and accused of committing atrocities while the Germans were in possession ~~of the city~~. A Swedish newspaper today published a report from its ~~foreign~~ Berlin correspondent, that the ~~Nazis are~~ ^(the Hitler government is) preparing to put on trial British and American fliers whom they have captured.

At the same time, the Japs are ~~preparing~~ ^{cooking up} something ~~or other~~ ^{different,} ^(Mikado's) The ~~Tokyo~~ Foreign Minister told the Nipponese Diet that our warships have been sinking Japanese hospital ships. He declared that Japan has protested many times but that no satisfactory answer has been received. Therefore Japan is now ready to take adequate measures of retaliation.

Needless to say, we have sunk no hospital
ships, so that ~~that~~ ^{could be} ~~is~~ only an excuse.

DROUGHT

It isn't often that we have reports of a drought in winter. But in the middlewestern states, they have had the longest dry spell since these ² ~~these~~ ~~terrible~~ dust storms of ten years ago.

However, ~~it seems to be coming to an end.~~

Rains have been falling in Kansas, also western Iowa;

And, Uncle Sam's weather forecaster prophesies ^{rain} ~~downfalls~~

all over the southwest and ~~all through~~ the wheat

growing states, ^{within} ~~inside of~~ forty-eight hours. ~~In fact,~~

~~it will be~~ enough to make ^{certainsure} ~~sure~~ that the crop will be

normal.

A plane left the airfield at Buenos Aires today carrying Adrian C. Escobar, the new Ambassador to the United States, ^{and} his suite, ^{including} and two pretty nieces.

It is agreed that he has a doughty job ahead of him, making friends between Uncle Sam and the colonels.

editor of one of the biggest newspapers declared that Spain and Portugal will sooner or later face the same kind of problem that Argentina had to meet.