

PACIFIC

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From the Far East comes news that Allied planes, probably British, carried out raids over the western tip of the island of Java, which lasted two days. They bombed the port of Labuan. ~~That was~~ <sup>The</sup> furthest that the Allies ha~~x~~ yet gone in attacks on the Japanese in the Dutch East Indies.

This item comes from Tokyo; ~~and~~ the Allied High Command says nothing about it. But the supposition is that, if true, the raiders were carrier planes from the British East Indian Fleet under the command of Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser. Labuan is beyond the range of land-based ~~bombers~~ bombers. While some of MacArthur's big planes based on Australia <sup>have</sup> attacked the great naval base of Soerabaya at the eastern end of Java, they never tackled the western end.

The Japanese also claimed that American planes have <sup>been</sup> ~~been~~ dropping bombs on Borneo and Macassar, also <sup>on</sup> an island in the Bonin group south of Japan.

As for the invasion of the Philippines, the operations on Leyte are becoming more and more a series

of envelopment actions. This is based on a principle laid down by MacArthur to his divisional commanders. He told them that the Jap is a good fighter when you attack him from the front in positions he has prepared. But, when you go around him he is apt to lose his head and then he is easy to beat. So MacArthur told his generals: "Don't let ~~the~~ Jap positions hold you up. Go around him". It was by using such tactics that the Japanese themselves accomplished the fall of Singapore so quickly.

## NAVAL BATTLE

The Navy tonight gives us a summing up of the second battle of the Philippines, a proud new chapter in the history of Uncle Sam's fleets. The historians probably will record it as one of the ~~great~~ decisive battles of history. Its prime result was that MacArthur was able to ~~return to~~ <sup>return to</sup> the Philippines one whole month ~~before planned~~ <sup>ahead of schedule. And</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> is just one ~~facet~~ of the results of that great battle. ~~We may all wish~~ <sup>TP It's too bad</sup> that Admiral Mahan, who told the world about the influence of seapower upon history, ~~might have been alive~~ <sup>is not alive</sup> to estimate the value of that ~~victory~~ <sup>combined air and sea victory.</sup>

The theories of Mahan were borne out in ~~the fact~~ that as a result of the victory, MacArthur was able to step up his invasion of the Philippines, ~~one month earlier.~~

The Navy's report indicates that the Japanese threw everything they could into the battle. They were not merely outnumbered, they were outnumbered and maneuvered, outshot, and outsmarted. And

one observer remarks that the Japanese are still wondering what ~~happened~~<sup>hit</sup> to them.

We have already been told most of the details of the second battle of the Philippines, but tonight the Navy tells us how <sup>our</sup> submarines spotted Japanese fleets moving in to the attack, how the submarines attacked, how destroyers and small craft battled Japanese capital ships at point blank range, how our Pacific Navy crippled Japanese fleets, destroy<sup>ing</sup> one of them utterly.

As a matter of fact the Japanese at this moment still do not know just what happened to them, and even now the full story cannot be told.

## HURLEY

There was much talk in Washington today that our next Ambassador to Chungking will be Major General Patrick Hurley. President Roosevelt probably will send his nomination to the Senate quite soon.

One observer said the Chungking Embassy has become probably the most difficult diplomatic assignment <sup>we have;</sup> ~~that there is, and Hurley would be~~ the logical man for it. ~~He will replace Clarence Gaus,~~ who became anxious to give the job up after ~~Chiang Kai-shek asked the President to recall General Stilwell.~~ The general belief in Washington is that Hurley is the best equipped man for the job; ~~at least~~ he knows the picture in China from all its angles <sup>rather</sup> better than <sup>almost</sup> anybody else. Moreover, being a military man he is well up on both ~~the~~ military and political difficulties throughout the Far East.

## WESTERN FRONT

Correspondents on the Western Front tell us tonight that the Germans made an extraordinary recovery from the terrific bombardment they took from the air yesterday. American artillery also gave them plenty. All in all the most devastating shower of steel ever dropped on any Army. In spite of that the Germans rallied today and put up a fierce resistance against the big winter offensive started by General Eisenhower.

In spite of that the Yanks of the First Army smashed through the outer defenses of the Rhine, and, General Hodges Army now is less than twenty-six miles from Cologne.

And the center of the German line on the Western front is bending. Radio Atlantic, the secret wireless station in Europe, declares that the Nazi High Command has thrown its last strategical reserve into the battle, the German Sixth Panzer Army. ~~On the North the British Second Army under Sir Miles Dempsey, has pushed to the River Maas, on a ten-mile front, and started cannonading the Siegfried line across the River. Northeast of Metz Patton's men are nearing the border of the Saar, at some points only a mile from it.~~

RUSSIA

Berlin announces that the Red Armies <sup>have</sup> begun a powerful drive toward Austria from a beachhead on the west bank of the Danube.

All the principal highways leading to Budapest from the southwest and the northeast are now in Soviet hands and Moscow tonight reports that the Second Army of the Ukraine is bringing up supplies for a final assault on the Hungarian capital.

## GERMANY

Reports about what's going on inside Germany become more hectic every day. The latest is that Guerrillas have gone into action on a big scale in Southern Austria. They are probably in contact with the Partisan Forces of Marshal Titó in Jugoslavia. For several days there <sup>has</sup> been no train service between important Austrian Cities near the Frontiers of Jugoslavia and Italy because Guerrillas blew up the tracks. The people in Southern Austria are becoming terrified by the advance of Russian Armies along the Danube and the Drava Rivers.

A Swiss newspaper reports that women started a riot at Mannheim, behind the lines where the Germans are facing the American Third Army <sup>and that the Gestapo</sup> ~~Gestapo men and SS Troops~~ put down the rioting with the utmost cruelty.

<sup>And then there's an</sup> amusing story from Germany ~~about~~ about big three hundred pound ~~H~~ Hermann Goering.



He <sup>now</sup> thinks he's Nero. That story comes from Cairo, and was told by a man who attended a dinner given at one of the numerous palaces that Goering owns throughout Germany. <sup>TR</sup> When the guests arrived more than twenty flunkeys greeted them, all dressed up in green bavarian livery, while trumpets blew a fanfare of welcome. Then the guests had to wait in a huge lounge until a master of ceremonies entered pompously. Behind him in a flowing cream colored toga marched Nero Goering. His toga was richly embroidered with emblematic designs and resembled those worn by the most luxurious of the Ancient Roman Emperors. <sup>TR</sup> The feast that followed seems to have been something like that described in the famous novel by Petronius Arbiter, "The Feast of Trimalchio." Halfway through the dinner — I mean Fat Hermann — Nero thrust his hands into the folds of his toga and began pulling out pearls, diamonds, opals, and sapphires by the fist-fulls and scattering them

over the tablecloth. But, he did not scatter them so far ~~far~~ <sup>but what</sup> he could ~~not~~ reach out and scoop them back.

Then the guests went into a huge underground drawingroom so that Nero might be safe from British and American Bombers. Nero seated himself on a jeweled throne and summoned his guests one by one for an audience.

Then he ordered the servants to bring in a large elaborate set of electric toy trains with which he played for ~~xx~~ quite a while.

Then he disappeared, and after ten minutes returned dressed from head to foot in black. He took his guests into a small chapel and asked them to be silent for a moment in memory of his first wife. Through all this business, his present wife had to stand by.

*Sounds goofy doesn't it?  
But Pres. Hoover told me an <sup>almost</sup> equally  
weird <sup>story</sup> about ~~seeing~~. So I'm  
inclined to believe this one that came  
over the press wires today.*

CONSCRIPTION

*Hugh, your st. of Cal. message  
then a lot more news*

President Roosevelt today expressed his hope that Congress would pass a law to provide for compulsory service for all young men in peacetime, pass it this winter. Every young man between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three to give at least one year of service to the government. As you may recall, Mrs. Roosevelt's comment on that was: "Why confine it to young men?" Reporters at ~~his~~ his press conference asked the President what about that idea of Mrs. Roosevelt's. He declared that was another matter and would depend on what kind of a law Congress passed.

But if he has any specific, constructive plan, Mr. Roosevelt is keeping it to himself. He would not say whether he thought the training for young men should be military. When they asked him he retorted with <sup>the</sup> question -- should lessons in cooking or carpentry be considered military training?

The President said this in the face of protests from peace organizations which have always

tried to prevent the country from being prepared in case of attack. The President pointed out that a year's training in government service would do a lot of good all around. For one thing it would teach many boys how to take care of themselves, and teach them discipline. He referred to the amazing number of young men <sup>have been</sup> ~~was~~ rejected by the armed forces because they ~~are~~ not physically fit. A year's training under discipline and medical supervision would vastly improve health conditions throughout the nation. And he added that a well considered program of service would give us a much larger percentage of young men who could defend their country.

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After he had expressed himself about this the correspondents asked the President about his next meeting with Churchill and Stalin. He replied that he had not yet made any definite plans, but wanted to see the British and Russian chiefs of state as soon as possible. Also, he hopes to be able to accept the invitation of General DeGaulle to visit

~~France; but, <sup>he said</sup> that will have to wait on his meeting  
with Churchill and Stalin.~~

The President also spoke his thanks to  
the press and radio of the United States. He says  
he was much obliged to them for picking five  
complete new cabinets for him and none of them alike:

C.I.O.

The C.I.O. will not only keep its political action committee on the job but will make it even more aggressive. The Executive Board made that decision at Chicago today; *Made it* unanimously. What is more, Sidney Hillman will continue as Chairman of the PAC. Of Course, the resolution still has to-be approved by the National Convention which ~~will~~ *meets in* Chicago **Munday**; but there is no doubt that it will be adopted without even debate.

Philip Murray, President of C.I.O, used these words: "PAC will not only be retained but expanded."

## OPERATORS

The strike of telephone operators in Ohio has now spread to no fewer than eight cities and may even reach to Cleveland. It began with a wildcat walkout of some six hundred operators at Dayton, and now seven other cities are involved. The operators of Cleveland will meet tomorrow and take a ~~xi~~ vote whether they ~~will~~ join the strikers.

This is as good as opportunity as any to express my admiration for the almost unfailing politeness, patience, and efficiency of telephone operators all over these broad United States. There is one thing that is, beyond question, uniform *in this country,* the good manners of *our American* telephone operators.

## FOOTBALL

The football fans win, at least partially. The great Army-Navy game will be played at Baltimore where the Municipal Stadium will hold sixty-three thousand people.

This arrangement is a compromise. Most people suggested Philadelphia, although director Johnson of the office of Defense Transportation said it would be an outrage to have the game played anywhere but at Annapolis. (There, however, no more than eighteen-thousand-seven-hundred-and-fifty-six people could see it, and) the prospect of selling Fifty Million Dollars worth of Sixth War Loan Bonds is tempting even for official austerity.

Anyway, Baltimore ~~is~~ it is, Navy Secretary Forrestal announced it this afternoon.

*The game already had produced a wild scramble for tickets.*



BOAKE CARTER

It's hard to think that Boake Carter isn't around any more. - ~~dying yesterday at the untimely age of~~ *He was only* forty-six. The world of radio knew Boake well, one of its colorful dynamic figures he was among the pioneers of news broadcasting, back in the days of a dozen years ago -- when there were only

a few of us. When I relieved Floyd Gibbons there were no others on regularly, except H. V. Kaltenborn now and then. *And then* ~~later~~ along came Ed Hill and Boake Carter.

In a way I used to envy Boake. He always had such fiery and dogmatic opinions; and in those early days he didn't hold back either. Boake got into a lot of controversies; and people who knew him had a warm and friendly feeling toward him -- no matter how violently they might disagree with him. He died in radio harness, at Hollywood, taken ill after doing his daily program, suffering a stroke. It was his last "cheerio" yesterday.

DORSEY

*The aftermath of that little*  
~~that slugging~~ party at the house of band  
leader Tommy Dorsey is going to be a public show  
after all. District Attorney Fred Howser has  
announced that the trial will begin November twenty-  
first. ~~Can you imagine what a scramble there will~~  
~~be for seats?~~

The prosecutor says he is now sure that  
one material witness will be present, ~~he~~ mean<sup>ing</sup> the  
sailor ~~from~~ Panama who was, for a while, removed  
from the picture because Uncle Sam's immigration  
authorities gave him the heaveho. ~~out of the country.~~

The sailor from Panama says he can prove he was one  
of the guests, ~~because he~~ *and that he'll tell more about how*  
~~hit him over the~~  
head with a bottle. Now the immigration authorities  
have allowed him to return, under bond, to give  
evidence about that ~~party~~ *quiet little at home.*

A group of scientists in England believe there is no reason why future generations should not live to be a hundred. And they mean an average life of one hundred years or more ~~xxxxxx~~ before senility sets in.

The scientists who say this are no monkey gland experts or specialists in rejuvenation. They just think that biology and biochemistry are going ahead so fast that ~~xxxxxx~~ life, meaning life with good health, can be prolonged far beyond the present average. As one of them said: There would be no use in prolonging life unless we prolong healthier and stronger life".

~~However, this prospect seems to be ahead~~

~~for future generations~~ And Hugh, that suggests

an appropriate closing remarks for tonight - or any night: - that is, wishing all of you healthier, stronger and longer lives!