

PHILIPPINES

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A late War Department bulletin announces that a hundred and seven National Guardsmen escaped from the Batan Peninsula to Corregidor. They were members of the Two Hundredth Coast Artillery. The War Department reveals that there were some three thousand National Guardsmen in Batan, and except for the hundred and ~~xx~~ seven that escaped, all the rest ^{may} ~~must~~ be considered ~~to be~~ prisoners of the enemy.

At Corregidor, Jap dive bombers have gone into action for the first time. Diving ^p ~~steely~~ [^], they aimed their explosive missiles at our fortifications in Manila Bay, but the enemy aim was not so good. Most of the bombs dropped harmlessly into the water.

The Japs are still trying to complete their occupation of the Philippine Island of Panay. The Army states that our troops have been forced to withdraw from two positions, but ^{are} ~~they're~~ still fighting against the outnumbering ~~enemy~~.

NAVY FOLLOW PHILIPPINES

Our torpedo speed boats have scored another brilliant success. Two of them hit a Japanese light cruiser off the Philippine Island of Cebu and left it in sinking condition. This is announced in today's late Navy bulletin, just in. The Jap light cruiser was protected by four destroyers, and the American torpedo boats had to get by them. They did, in a swift dash -- and blasted the cruiser.

TOKYO BOMBING

As for the mystery of the bombing of Tokyo, I suppose we might as well satisfy ourselves with ^{The President himself} President Roosevelt's personal explanation. ~~He~~ revealed today the base from which the American bombers flew when they blasted Japan last weekend. Their air base was - Shangri-la. The President indicates that there's a secret American landing field in that beautiful Utopia in ~~Tibet~~ ^{a mythical Tibet} the paradise inhabited by monks who are forever young - as described by James Hilton in his novel - "Lost Horizon."

Our bombers took off from Shangri-la while the ever youthful monks chanted fantastic Tibetan liturgies, and when they returned after bombing Tokyo, those lamas who never grow old were still chanting liturgies.

This momentous disclosure was made at today's White House press conference. The newsmen asked the President about the Tokyo bombing mystery, and he told

them that he had been asked that same question by a sweet young thing. She was just dying to know all about it. The President mimicked the sweet young ~~thingxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ voice of the sweet young thing and told how he had given her the answer - Shangri-la.

Maybe that's just what the Japs are beginning to suspect. They show all the signs of mystification.

And Shangri-la~~er~~ might be ^{just} as good as their explanation ^{of}

^{those} three airplane carriers with the bombers flying on to

China, after having bombed the Jap cities. ^{So it's} ~~we simply~~

^{still a case of tremendous} ~~don't know - it but it's a great case of~~ military secrecy,

the kind of secrecy calculated to bewilder the enemy.

Japan had some more air raid alarms today, with further confused details of damage done by ^{the} bombing.

It would seem that the Japanese railroad system was hit to some extent.

AIRPLANES

From an American bombing squadron in Australia, comes a story of just about the most extraordinary piece of aerial navigation on record.

The pilot of a big United States Army bomber resorted to the most primitive method of steering and balancing - a thing traditional to ~~see~~ ^{the ocean.} You've heard old stories of a ship listing to one side, and all hands ordered to the other side of the deck, trying to keep the craft on even keel. Second-Lieutenant Barrie Burnside of Janesville, Wisconsin, applied that technique to a situation that arose when Jap Zero fighting planes got into ^a savage and destructive burst of fire.

It happened in one of the many bombings of enemy bases in New Guinea. The heavy American bomber delivered its explosive blow with devastating success, and then started back to Australia. Suddenly, five Jap Zero fighters appeared and ganged the bomber in a vicious

attack. They got in a murderous burst of fire, and the bomber was riddled by bullets and ripped by explosive shells. The elevator and one propeller were shot to bits. Every man aboard was hit, except Second-Lieutenant Burnside. The pilot was badly wounded, Burnside dragged him out of his seat and took the controls. By now, the bomber was plunging down toward the sea - apparently to certain destruction. The Japs thought it was a sure goner, and flew away.

But Burnside at the controls was able to pull the plane out of its stricken dive, and level off just above the water. The plane was wobbling badly, and he couldn't gain altitude. He ordered the crew to toss out of the forepart of the fuselage all the weight possible. ^{This} The wounded men did, and then Burnside told them to crawl to the back of the plane, as far back as possible - tip the tail down, nose up. That enabled him

— gain altitude.
to climb a bit. But the bomber was wobbling worse than
ever — ~~was~~ steering crazily. ^{TP} Then he ordered the crew to
crawl forward somewhat, to change the balance. ^{In fact he} kept
them moving, ~~from time to time~~, coordinating their weight
with the operation of the controls, and the freakish
turns and twists of the plane. And so the wounded men
were kept crawling back and forth, ^{— wounded men functioning} as part of the
steering mechanism, until the bomber got back to
Australia. Then, with the final exhibition of steering
by means of the damaged controls and the moving human
freight - Burnside brought it down for a perfect landing.

Another story from Australia tells of an air
battler fighting mad and a new type of bomb - a fire
extinguisher. An American bomber was attacking an enemy
convoy, and one of the crew was Lieutenant Noel Wright.
He was the navigator and his assignment also placed him

in charge of the bomber's fire extinguisher. They bombed a Japanese transport, and were ~~at~~ within five thousand feet of it. The ^{sight}~~sight~~ of the enemy ship made Noel Wright so fighting mad that he couldn't restrain himself. He yanked out his forty-five automatic, and opened fire at the Jap vessel below. Having emptied his automatic, he grabbed the fire extinguisher - and threw it at the Japs. Today's dispatch insists that his bombing aim with the fire extinguisher was so good that he scored a direct hit on the enemy transport. I wonder what the Japs thought! Maybe they're examining the fire ~~extin~~ extinguisher to find out what new kind of bomb it is - and how they can imitate it.

MEDAL

It would appear that President Roosevelt ought to have a few lessons in an art he is going to have to practice more and more -- the art of pinning on medals. Maybe he should take some instruction from an expert medal pinner?

Today the Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded to America's Number One War Hero -- Lieutenant Edward O'Hare. Or rather, Lieutenant-Commander. Because at the White House ceremony the President promoted the Navy sky fighter. This he did in perfect presidential form, which included a bit of F.D.R. joshing.

The President displayed perfect form in reading the Medal of Honor citation, which included the following words:- "Without hesitation, alone and unaided, he repeatedly attacked an enemy formation at close range -- in the face of their intense combined machine gun and cannon fire." And the citation went on to relate how O'Hare shot down five

enemy bombers and seriously damaged a sixth.

The President read that with his customary eloquence. And then he started pinning the decoration on Lieutenant-Commander O'Hare. But he couldn't make the pin snap shut. He fumbled with it. No go -- not such perfect form. No, the President is not an expert pin-snapper.

Finally, in despair, he turned the job over to Mrs. O'Hare. She's a bride of seven months, and was beaming at the honor paid to her hero bridegroom. Mrs. O'Hare is good at beaming -- she has just the kind of pretty face for it. Being the proper kind of bride, she's expert with safety pins and such. So she took over the presidential job, and snapped the Congressional Medal on in a jiffy. So, you can say, in a way -- that today the nation's Number One Hero was decorated by his bride -- the President of the United States assisting.

INDIA

In India, the British commander disclosed today the plan ^{he} ~~it~~ expects to use in case of Japanese invasion. General Sir Archibald Wavell stated that any Jap attempt to land will first be hit by heavy bombing forces - including American planes. If ~~enemy forces~~ ^{the Japs} do succeed in getting ashore, they will be met by swift concentrations of troops against any threatened point. The British-India defense will be mobile, prepared to move swiftly against forces at any place along the extended Indian shore.

Wavell indicated that the Japs might land, because their sea power ^{does} controls the Bay of Bengal. He added, however, that it won't be long before warships of the United Nations drive the enemy from that strategic sea - "not far distant," said the British Commander.

One of the questions most often asked in America these days is: What will the people of India do if the Japanese invade that country? Will they help the invader as the inhabitants of Malaya did, and as the Burmese have been doing? Will they turn against the British and knife them in the back?

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Sir Girja Bajpai, India's first diplomatic emissary to this country, has just answered that question in an address at the Taft School, where prominent men from all over the world have been giving the young men of Taft a picture of what ~~is~~ is happening these days and what their responsibilities are likely to be. Said Sir Girja: India has an army now of over one million men, ready to fight the Japanese. Then he added that every party and every leader in India realize^d that India's dream of freedom will only come ~~through~~ true if the Democracies are victorious. "India's need," said Sir Girja, "is not

for man power nor for small arms, but for planes and more planes. With them," he said with great emphasis, "our seaports and our vital centers can be defended by ~~indians~~ India's army of one million fighting men."

FRANCE

In France, Laval today conferred with Hitler's personal envoy, and the doped out some more collaboration. The meeting took place in Paris.

The British are intimating that the Laval oration of yesterday was in part designed to cause dissension between the United States and Great Britain - an attempt to create a rift. The British point out that, while the arch collaborationist savagely denounced the British, he did not mention the United States in any of his insulting diatribe.

Our Ambassador to France, Admiral Leahy, today received a multitude of condolences for the death of his wife. Officially recalled by the President, he was unable to leave because of Mrs. Leahy's illness. She seemed to be getting better after an operation -- then had a relapse. It isn't clear just how soon the Admiral will now return.

PATENTS

President Roosevelt has just announced that all patents controlled by the enemy will be taken over by the Government. Instructions to that effect have been given to Alien Property Custodian Leo Crowley. This order of seizure applies to patents controlled both directly and indirectly. They'll be seized and made available for the war purposes of this country and ~~the~~ ~~other~~ of the United Nations. The President also made it plain that these enemy patents will not be returned to Axis countries after the war. They'll be held by us.

This presidential order follows many disclosures about patent combinations ^{with} ~~Nazi~~ Germany, ~~has~~ cartels in which American and Nazi firms participated - with exchanges of patents and various restrictions that affect ^{ed} the production of materials in the United States.

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ENEMY ALIENS

We heard today of a prospect of removing enemy aliens from the East coast, just as they are being removed from the West coast. This was stated by United States Immigration Commissioner, Earl Harrison, at Philadelphia. He told of the probability of removing enemy aliens from defense plant areas and sectors of military importance along our Atlantic seaboard. "It's only a question of time," said he.

He suggested a program similar to that now in operation on the West coast - with the setting up of loyalty boards to determine the friendly, doubtful and dangerous ^{elements} ~~enemies~~ among the aliens. ~~(There are a million~~ of these, and the Commissioner added the rather surprising detail that seventy per cent of them are women. Which, of course, would indicate that women have not become naturalized at the same rate as men.

REPUBLICANS

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The Republican National Committee meeting in Chicago ends ~~today~~ with a note familiar in politics -- the financial note. Of course, the main thing was the resolution setting forth the G.O.P. position in the campaign leading to the fall elections for Congress.

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The unofficial sort of platform represents a sort of compromise, but it leans to the side of Wendell Willkie. ~~Yesterday~~ ~~last night~~ it seemed that Willkie might lose out -- in his demand for an anti-isolationist resolution that would commit the Republican Party to full international cooperation after the war. The clause finally adopted is a good deal less drastic than the one submitted by Willkie, ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~that~~ titular leader of the party. The G.O.P. goes on record as affirming the nation^{'s} responsibility in a world settlement. ~~and~~ that's regarded as a proof of the party leadership, titular and otherwise, for the Nineteen Forty-Two Republican Campaign. ~~Senator~~ Taft, spokesman for the former isolationists, expresses mild disapproval. He thought the Republican Party

should not yet commit itself to after-war policies.

He said today he thinks the
~~he mildly disapproved of the resolution adopted saying~~
resolution

~~he thinks it~~ is a mistake but that it is moderate enough for all Republicans to support.

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The question of party position out of the way the committee went on ^{to} the inevitable financial angle -- and today Chairman Joe Martin said the G.O.P. would conduct what he called -- "a poor man's campaign." ~~XX~~ They won't spend much money. "Conditions," said he, "do not warrant the expenditure of huge sums ~~of money~~ for political purposes."

At the same time Joe Martin says that the Republicans are not badly off financially. *in fact are* ~~They are~~ in better shape than usual. He pointed out that in Nineteen Thirty-Seven the National Committee had a debt of a million and a half. Today the Republican Party owes a maximum of ten thousand dollars.

~~Asked what he thought about the prospects for the~~
~~November elections, he said that conditions indicate that~~

BUSINESSMEN

War Production Chief Donald Nelson stated today that the War Production Board is having more and more trouble in persuading able business men to come to Washington and lend their services to the war program.

Why are the businessmen reluctant? Because,

says
~~of what~~ Donald Nelson ~~called~~ ^{of} "criticism and veiled allusions." They are held in suspicion. "It has got to a point," said he, "where if you know something about a business you are suspected - because you know something about a business." He said that the criticism of *industrialists* ~~business men~~ as such emanates largely from Congress. And he added that it may come to the point where you'll have to draft business men to work for the war effort.

These statements were made to a Senate

Investigating Committee, and the Senators promptly

remarking that
responded by ~~saying~~ the business men should not be so

sensitive about ~~criticism~~ criticism.

put it this way! -

Senator Connally of Texas ~~said~~ "If those dollar-a-year men are truly patriotic they should take the punishment."

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Senator Truman of Missouri added that the business men should develop what he called "an elephant hide attitude," *just as statesmen have to do.*

To this Donald Nelson replied, "We ~~are~~ ^{are} developing thicker hides every day, sir, and before I put any man to work I warn him that he is swimming in a goldfish bowl."

All of ~~kk~~ which points to a new kind of natural phenomenon - ~~developing~~ an elephant ~~ts hide~~

~~while~~ swimming in a goldfish bowl. ~~which is almost as~~

And here comes Hugh,
~~remarkable as developing goldfish scales while stalking~~
swimming toward the Mute
~~through the jungle.~~

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