

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At Dearborn, Michigan, today, pitched battles in the streets. At Milwaukee, the authorities have yielded to the strikers, by closing down the Allis-Chalmers plant in order to prevent violence. In Kentucky, at Harlan, four men were shot and killed and at least five others wounded.

One member of Congress got so excited today about the strikes that are rending the country, that he shouted as he waved a newspaper, "Call it what you will, it's anarchy!"

At New York, John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, promised that his men would return to work as soon as the Wage and Hour contract has been negotiated. But he added that labor must share in any profits arising from increased national spending.

Let's
~~We have to~~ look at the most *spectacular* ~~important~~ scene in *that* ~~that~~ *today's*
picture; ~~the scene around~~ the Ford plant in Dearborn. *Tonight the* ~~That entire~~

River Rouge factory is blocked off, eighty-five thousand men kept from working by pickets numbering at the outside three

thousand. *The plant* ~~That River Rouge factory~~ covers an area of *two* ~~over three~~

square miles and the three thousand pickets have all the gates and all approaches blocked off by cars parked bumper to bumper, across

the streets, fifteen deep. They have even seized a bridge which

crosses the River Rouge, *thus* ~~and so~~ *ing* prevented any of the ~~freight ships~~
freight ships of the Ford Company from entering or leaving.

That bridge is owned by Wayne County, and the County Engineer

declares that the seizure of *the* ~~that~~ bridge violates the navigation laws of Uncle Sam.

Any workers who tried to get by and carry on with their jobs, were beaten back with fists *and clubs.* ~~A group of~~

negroes appeared at one of the gates armed with crowbars and

defied the pickets. The C.I.O. men replied with a barrage of

stones and clubs. Finally, the Dearborn police broke it up,

drove the negroes back into the plant and the pickets back across

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the road. ^{Forty-one} ~~Thirty~~ men were injured on the Ford side, ^{seventeen} of them now in hospital. ^{A later bulletin reports} the injured at ^{two hundred.} Mayor Carey of Dearborn finally appealed to

Governor van Wagener of Michigan for help, and the Governor sent two hundred state troopers ~~to the job~~ to maintain law and order.

Mayor Carey issued a statement that Dearborn has become the scene of flagrant disregard for all rights of citizens, both union and non-union, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ with streets blocked off, citizens beaten and molested.

Harry Bennett, the ~~colorful~~ Personnel Director of the Ford Company, declared it was particularly significant that the strike should have been called ~~off~~ on the even of a decision by the National Labor Relations Board, on the petition of the Union for an election in the plant. Bennett contended that it's clear ^{C.I.O. Leaders} ~~the XXXXXX Union~~ ^[of the C.I.O. leaders] main object is not an election but to tie up a hundred and fifty-four million dollars' worth of defense work.

Today's performance, he said, was an all-out Communist demonstration on the highways; ~~that~~ union members, trained by Communists in the Moscow manner, were imported from other plants, using terroristic methods and strong-arm tactics. He said it was all the work of a

small group of Communist leaders who are not interested in either the welfare of the workers or the national defense of America. ^{are} ^{he added} What they ~~are~~ after is a gigantic Communistic conspiracy to paralyze the industrial life of ^{is} the country.

On the part of the government, James F. Dewey, a Conciliator of the Department of Labor, got up from a sickbed, and left his home at Chester, Pennsylvania, for Dearborn. The Department of Labor announces that he has a specific ~~form~~ formula for settling the dispute.

~~It is interesting to recall that~~ in all this hectic labor upheaval, Secretary of Labor Perkins is in Mexico, and Sydney Hillman, Joint Director of the Office of Production Management, is ill at Miami.

The latest from the coal front is that ^e statement by John L. Lewis, ^{already} ~~which I've~~ mentioned, ^{the one} ~~which included an~~ intimation ^{ng} that the miners and ~~the operators~~ ^{will} ~~are going to~~ come to terms ~~pretty~~ soon.

At Washington, Senator Tom Connally of Texas declares

it is time ~~in~~ the Government took a hand, to seize and operate all plants in which defense production has been delayed by either capital or labor. ^W The telegram sent by Governor Heil of Wisconsin to President Roosevelt has been referred to the Defense Mediation Board. The Department of Labor has not yet decided to certify the strike at the Allis-Chalmers plant at Milwaukee to the Board.

Governor Heil pointed out to the President that the C.I.O.

^{persisted}
~~assisted~~ in the strike in defiance of a request from Secretary of the Navy Knox and Director Knudsen of the Office of Production Management.

^{today}
In the House, the Representatives voted to give broad powers of investigation to the Military and Naval Affairs Committee. Congressmen denounced the Allis-Chalmers affair in particular as Red insurrection and rebellion.

Ten minutes ago a bulletin from Dearborn brought news that the Ford Company has appealed to President Roosevelt to help put an end to terroristic mass picketing so the company can resume its part in the national defense program.

BRIDGES

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While the Ford spokesmen were making those charges against the C.I.O. Communists, more testimony against the Reds was being heard at San Francisco in the deportation hearings against Harry Bridges. Ben Gitlow, reformed Communist leader, was again on the stand. He told some of the details of the Communist plot to break down the morale of the United States Army. He said that any comrade who refuses to take part in such work against army morale, is held guilty of treason against the Communist Party.

Gitlow also swore that Miss Carol King, who is the lawyer for Bridges in this hearing, is a Communist, a dummy director of the NEW YORK DAILY WORKER and one other Communist publication.

SHIPS

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Uncle Sam has received a second note from Nazi Germany, another protest against the seizure of ~~its~~ vessels in American ports. This note was delivered after Secretary of State Hull had given out ~~the news~~ that the Government of the United States has ^d decided to reject both the German and Italian protest^s. Our reply has not yet been handed to the German or Italian Embassy. It is, as the State Department phrases it, "being formulated."

The second German note registered a particularly strong protest against the arrest of members of ~~the~~ crews of the German ships and their treatment as criminals for sabotage.

The Italian Embassy also delivered a second similar protest to the State Department.

A grand jury at Boston returned indictments against the captain, mates and crew members of the German tanker that they disabled in Boston Harbor before the Coast Guards took it over and sunk it.

In Berlin the Nazis were raging, but they hardly had enough rage to go round as they ^{had to froth} ~~were frothing~~ at the mouth against the Jugoslavs. There was a rumor in Hitler's capital that he might

retaliate by confiscating American property in Germany. This was only a rumor, but there was ^a quite reliable report that the Nazi Government is contemplating what are called counter-measures, and tomorrow we'll know what they are to be.

President Roosevelt had a conference with Admiral Emory Land, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission. He was consulting him on means of having ships repaired and providing additional bottoms for the British and ~~the~~ the Greeks. The Maritime Commission has put surveyors on the job to examine those Italian and German ships that were sabotaged and make a report on what repairs they need.

Late news from Berlin is that the Nazis have arrested four United States nationals. The German police admit these arrests ~~have~~ were by way of reprisals for the arrest of German sailors over here.

JUGOSLAVIA

~~The big European news of the moment still is in and~~
~~around Jugoslavia.~~ From Belgrade comes an optimistic report that General Simovitch's government has been able to make peace with the Croats and that consequently Croats and Serbs will put up a united front against any outside invaders.

Throughout Germany, the newspapers teemed with screaming headlines, abuse of the Serbs, accusations against the Yugoslav government. The hatred of all Slavs, which is ever latent in a German mind, has come to the surface in frothing rage. Fuehrer Hitler's own newspaper screams to the country that the Serbs want to wade in German blood. They accuse the Serbs of having made threats to take Vienna in two days, and to plaster the streets with dead Germans. And Jugoslavia has been angrily warned to remember what happened to Poland.

In such fashion Nazis are working themselves into a rage against Jugoslavia and preparing themselves for a possible campaign. On the other hand, there are also graver and more conservative expressions in the Reich. A government spokesman said that Germany is

merely watching Jugoslavia as an observer, and he added that the desire of the German Government is that the Jugoslavs ~~behave decently and~~ cease beating and burning and stop giving ear to English agents. ~~That's a more sedate expression, but we have to notice that even this one still contains a threat.~~

by the way
The Yugoslav Minister to Berlin has returned to his post.

foreign
The conferences between the Simovitch Cabinet and the Croat leaders promises the Croats autonomy as agreed in Nineteen Thirty-Eight; also that the Government will pursue a peaceful policy in an effort to avoid war with Germany. And here's a more important provision. The Government of Jugoslavia is to be in the hands of a supreme council, consisting of one Serb, one Croat, and one Slovene. This Council is to have authority even higher than that of the Cabinet. And Matchek, the aged and most popular leader of the Croats, is to hold onto his job of Vice-Premier in the Simovitch Cabinet.

NAVAL BATTLE

Fascinating yarns continue to come over the cable about last week's naval battle in the Mediterranean. It has no official name yet. The British Admiralty has let it be known that it will be up to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham to pick the name for that ~~spectacular~~ victory.

One tale which sounds plausible comes from an Italian prisoner who was medical officer aboard the ten thousand ton cruiser ZARA. He told his British captors that the Italian warships ^{were} ~~hadn't~~ ^{not} ~~been~~ ^{in fact} looking for a battle when they were caught, ^{also} that was the last thing they wanted to find. They were on the lookout for a British convoy which they had heard was on the way to Greece. ^{also} The Italian cruiser squadron had been ordered to catch and sink a flotilla of Greek destroyers which had been sighted speeding off the coast of Crete. Meanwhile, the main Italian battle squadron went south to meet the convoy. Instead of a convoy, they met the formidable ^{British} ~~battle~~ ~~fleet.~~ ^{went on to} ~~array of Sir Andrew Cunningham.~~ The Italian surgeon ^{continued to} ~~say~~ ^{as} ~~tell~~ that the Italian cruiser squadron turned ~~tall~~ and ran ^{as} ~~when it~~ ^{fast as it could go.} ~~saw the British warships and was showing the Englishmen clean heels to~~ ~~the Englishmen.~~

But, they received an urgent order by radio to join the main fleet, which was preparing for battle with the British capital ships. When they caught up with the ^{Italian} main fleet, they saw the flashes of a battle on the skyline but couldn't make contact with the main fleet because the British battle squadron cut them off. When the ZARA got within range of the English guns, the surgeon continued, immense columns of water were spouting ^{all} around ^{them} ~~them like whales~~. ^{He said} it was not an aerial torpedo but a heavy ^{shell} ~~which~~ ^{that} carried away the bow of the ZARA, with a ^{great} flash, ^{and a roar.} Thereupon the captain gave the order to abandon ship.

This Italian surgeon confirms the story of the British that the only ^{thing accomplished} ~~good done~~ by the Nazi planes was to prevent the British from rescuing more survivors.

So much for the story of that Italian surgeon. Here's another yarn, from the British angle. ~~It was~~ taken from the log of the commanding officer of the British aircraft carrier FORMIDABLE. According to ² ~~that~~ ¹ log, the British victory in the Ionian Sea was largely due to the work of the FORMIDABLE'S bombers ^{big planes} carrying torpedoes. They scored three definite hits on the Italian

~~line of~~ ~~line~~ ^{which was announced as} battleship, ~~whether she was~~ the VITTORIO VENETO, or her sister ship, the LITTORIA. Both the Admiral and the Captain aboard the FORMIDABLE believe that Italian capital ship now lies at the bottom of the Mediterranean. When last observed, her stern was down and she had four hundred miles to go. In such condition, say the naval officers, she would have a most difficult time getting back to port unless her mechanics were able to make a number of repairs during the night.

The Italian man-o-war went into battle ~~like a lion~~, firing her fifteen inch guns against the British cruisers. A cruiser needs only one shell from a battleship's guns to be destroyed. But as soon as the FORMIDABLE'S planes went into action, one torpedo struck the Italian battleship, whereupon she was forced to turn away. Then a second flight of planes got in another hit with a torpedo, later on a third. ^{Whereupon the} ~~The~~ speed of the Italian battleship was ^{now} ~~then~~ reduced to ten or twelve knots, ^{and} A couple of hours later, reconnaissance planes reported that she was making only eight knots. About dusk, another reconnaissance plane reported seeing the Italian battleship ^{come to a full stop;} ~~stopped~~, but, this information ~~was~~ ^{is} uncertain since ^{absolute} identification in the failing light was not possible.

ITALIANS

A report comes from Vichy that Italian troops have been sent to take part in the occupation of France. Large detachments have been moved into the barracks in Paris, also in Bordeaux. The report is not confirmed, but it is leading to some interesting conjecture. Hitherto, the only Fascist soldiers in France have been those occupying that part of the Viviera, which they were invading at the time of the Armistice. Up to now, the occupied region of France has been only in the possession of German troops. There is no official explanation why Italian regiments have been sent into France when it might be supposed that they were so badly needed in Albania, also in Libya. One interpretation is that the Italian regiments wouldn't be much good on the Albanian front because their heart isn't in the war anyway, that they would enjoy Paris, and they might be useful in occupied France where the people are disarmed and helpless.

And now Hugh, carry on.