

JAPAN

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— ready for —
Japan tonight is on a war footing, total war. The Tokyo

Imperial Council has approved four additions to the general mobilization act ^{that was} submitted by Premier Prince ~~Ka~~ Konoye last week.

Those ordinances will mobilize the Mikado's people economically and financially for all war needs, give the government complete ~~control~~ control of business and finance.

At the same time, the Japanese received a serious warning from their Ambassador to the United States. While in Los Angeles he was interviewed by Trans-Pacific Telephone, and he cautioned his countrymen that it is a great mistake to consider the United States on the basis of conditions prevailing a year ago. The attitude of America concerning Thailand is ~~extreme~~ extremely delicate, he declared. It is clear, he added, that Americans will not take the initiative but their attitude will depend solely upon Japan's. The Japanese Ambassador said further that all counter-measures against Japan already have been fixed. They will be enforced one by one, in answer to any steps that Japan

— in this country —
may take. The influence of the anti-War factions, in the opinion

of ~~that~~ ^{Nomura,} Ambassador, is not as great now as previously. ^{And that} ~~The US~~ ^{was the warning he sent to his own} ~~United States Government is prevailing in everything.~~ ^{government.}

WAR

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The most interesting report in tonight's war news is also the most puzzling. It comes from Istanbul, and brings word of heavy Nazi troop movements in Bulgaria, ~~of all places~~. The story is, and it seems factual, that there's an extraordinary concentration of German regiments in Bulgaria, wearing desert uniforms. The information was brought to the former Turkish capital by Germans and Italians, ^{who} ~~and they~~ said that at least two divisions had ~~been brought into~~ ^{just turned up in} Bulgaria from North Africa.

~~Of course, the immediate question arises,~~ ⁱⁿ "Why Bulgaria,?"

Does it mean the Nazi High Command is preparing for a ^{march} ~~walk~~ through Turkey? ^{Toward Iraq?} Hardly a day passes without news of Germans in civilian

clothes traveling through Turkey in large numbers, ^{bound for Iran} ~~to Iran~~.

^{Persia} Ostensibly tourist, ^{is} ~~there's~~ no doubt they are ^{just} ~~actually~~ soldiers in

~~in~~ disguise, technicians, specialists. Then again, it is an admitted

fact that the three Nazi divisions in North Africa were not mere Infantry, but exclusively ^{experts} ~~technicians~~ in mechanical fighting,

~~especially~~ trained for desert warfare. So does this news from

Istanbul mean the Nazi soldiers recalled from Africa are on their way to the Russian front? ^{or where?}

The Nazi armies in Russia have been fighting constantly

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for six weeks. Maybe the technically trained men there have become exhausted and need replacement. Or does it mean that the Nazi high command considers the campaign in Russia practically over and is preparing for the next move, ~~to Iran?~~ *Persia?*

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Tonight's communique from the Nazi High Command simply announces rapid progress in pursuit of the retreating enemy in the southern Ukraine. The fiercest fighting at present is being waged in a big loop bounded by the Dnieper River South and East at Kiev, and northeast of Odessa. The Nazis are again trying to pinch off ~~huge bits~~ *segments* of the Russian Southern army under Marshal Budenny. Both D.N.B. and the propaganda company reporters carefully avoid giving any specific details. They just talk about huge losses, heavy losses, tremendous losses, suffered by the Russians, in both men and material. It is noticeable that for once the propaganda company reporters avoid even guessing at the Russian losses. But they claim the southern armies of Hitler are swiftly getting nearer to the Black Sea.

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This morning the Russians admitted that the Nazi invaders had gained large territory in their drives on both Leningrad and Odessa. Tonight Moscow says the Red army is holding all along that

^{hundred}
eighteen mile front. The Soviet communique claims there's a battle
still raging around Smolensk on the Moscow front, ~~and ~~xxxx~~~~
~~another one near~~ Esthonia. Another Soviet Communique reports
fighting by Russian cavalry and the wiping out of Nazi mechanized
divisions far behind the enemy front lines. Guerrillas are
harrasing and hampering the German communication columns.

Every other day we hear from Berlin that the Russian
air force is practically annihilated. And every other day Moscow
reports devastation blows by the Red air force. It's the same story
today. It reminds us of what T.E. Lawrence said several years ago,
that the most formidable weapon that a modern general has, is the
printing press.

And here's a later communique from Berlin. The Nazis
claim to have destroyed sixty-four Russian tanks, five hundred
and twenty-five trucks, fifty-four airplanes, several trains and
motorized columns. In the Ukraine, the commanders of two Soviet
infantry corps were taken prisoner and two division commanders.
That's ^{the} ~~an~~ official claim. D.N.B., Goebbel's news agency, declares
that the defeated Soviet armies are stumbling back over blocked
roads, and being mowed down by the Nazi air arm.

The people ~~xx~~ of Berlin had another taste of a night
air raid. By the Russians. London reports that every Russian
plane but one got back home intact.

HEMISPHERE DEFENSE

The military heads of all the American countries must get together as quickly as possible. It is highly necessary that they confer to establish a formula for cooperation for common defense.

This opinion comes not from our own capital, but from South America, General Roletti, minister of Defense of the Republic of Uruguay, who makes the first move for such a meeting. He added ~~that~~ the moment for action has arrived. The general staffs of all the armies of the new world must be in close relation to one another in order to make the necessary studies and plans. So we have the first step in Hemisphere defense taken by an official of the smallest nation in South America.

MILITARY SERVICE

Secretary of State ~~Hull~~ spoke a word of warning today about the prolonging of the service of the men in the Army. If Congress does not pass it, he said, it will create an exceedingly bad psychological effect, ~~on the ~~internal~~ international situation.~~ That is, on the position of the United States in the international picture.

Meanwhile the House was preparing to pass an amendment to the ~~military~~ military service act ordering the Secretary of War to ~~release~~ release all men in the service whose business affairs and dependents ^{make} ~~made~~ it necessary for them to return home.

STRIKE

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A strike ended today at Camden, New Jersey, and the details are rather interesting. It was a strike of thirteen thousand men at the yards of a big shipbuilding corporation. They went back to ⁺their jobs this morning, under a new contract which union leaders consider a model for the entire shipbuilding industry. By that contract, the workers ⁵ promise not to strike, and the company promises no lockouts. When and as the cost of living rises, the men will automatically get more pay. And that's why this contract is pronounced a model.

And ^{at} Kearny, New Jersey, where there's another shipbuilding strike, ~~an interesting thing happened.~~ The strikers are C.I.O. members, and they've tied up almost half a billion dollars' worth of ships being built there. The picket lines were tight around the plant, but they opened up to let hundreds of American Federation of Labor members walk through and go ^{to} work. The C.I.O. officials announced that this was done to help along National Defense. The A.F. of L. members who walked through ~~the~~ picket lines are dock workers, iron workers and carpenters. They're building an outfitting basin and three new shipbuilding ways. ^{And they went} They ~~walked~~ through ^{only to} work only because the C.I.O. leaders gave the ~~work~~ word.

ADD STRIKE

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The head of that shipbuilding company at Kearny sent an extraordinary telegram to the Secretary of the Navy this afternoon. He wired Colonel Knox these words; ~~I quote~~: "In the interests of National Defense we hereby offer our shipyard at Kearny, N.J. to the Navy Department for immediate production and operation. The yard has been closed for four days by a strike which involves no issue but the maintenance of the open shop. We are unwilling to abandon the defense of the freedom of the American worker to choose whether he will belong to a union or not. We will fully cooperate with you in making this offer ~~offer~~ effective." ~~unquote~~.

The defense mediation board had made a proposal in that strike which was accepted by the union. But the company had refused, because it involved a closed shop. The heads of the union, earlier today called upon the government to seize the plant, as it did, the North American aviation factory in California two months ago.

U.A.W. FOLLOW STRIKE

There were noisy echoes of that North American Aviation strike -- these were at Buffalo, today. At the convention of the United Automobile Workers. The row was about Lew Michener, West Coast Director of the C.I.O., who called that outlaw strike and defied the heads of his union. His case was considered by a seven-man grievance committee of the convention. Four of the committee proposed that Michener should be forever disqualified from holding any office in the union. A minority of two urged that he should be deprived only of the right to be international representative. A minority of one asked the union to kick him out altogether.

The outcome was a hot debate on the floor of the convention. Members from Michigan pleaded that Michener should not be hanged just for making a mistake. The leader of the right wing faction, argued that Michener's offense is too grave to be settled by a slap on the wrist. Michener had deliberately flouted the authority of the C.I.O. And the speaker said further that Michener's irresponsibility had jeopardized the entire American labor movement and that he had violated his oath of office.

OIL

Conservation of gasoline over the weekend was not what it should have been. So we hear tonight. In all the Eastern states, both seashore and inland resorts were crowded. Highways were jammed with motors, some even burning up fuel at sixty and seventy miles an hour. Coming back from the inspiring Stockbridge Music Festival I even forgot myself a few times and get up to sixty! The waters were full of motor boats, some of them going no place, but all of them consuming gas. It was only in Massachusetts that car owners paid attention to the Oil Coordinator's plea to conserve fuel. So we hear. Gasolin sales were ~~off~~ off twenty-five per cent in the Bay State, traffic on the main highways lighter than usual, beach crowds below normal. Well Massachusetts people always were more thoughtful than some of the rest of us.

Here's the latest on that pipeline, the longest single pipeline in the world, the one to bring oil and gasoline from Texas and Louisiana to Philadelphia and New York. The oil industry has completed its plans, and they were received today at the office of Secretary of the Interior Ickes, the Oil Coordinator. Eleven companies are clubbing together. Standard, Atlantic Refining,

Cities Service, Socony Vacuum, Consolidated, Tidewater, Texas, Shell, Gulf, Pan-American and my Sun Oil sponsors. They have organized two subsidiaries, **National Defense Pipelines Incorporated**, an eighty million dollar corporation, and **Emergency Pipelines, Inc.** They're asking for no money from the government. All they want is priorities for construction material. The pipeline when finished will be one thousand, eight hundred and twenty miles long and through it will pour two hundred and fifty- thousand barrels of oil a day. It will be privately financed, jointly owned by those eleven companies.

Once upon a time it would have taken a long, long while to build that monster pipeline. Today, it can be finished in nine months. Today the engineers have mechanical ditch diggers, tractors which haul and bend the pipe, and electrical welding.

MYSTERY

A strange sight met the eye this morning eight miles east of ~~E~~ Gurnet light, on the Massachusetts coast. It was a racing sloop beating across the wind in a choppy sea with no one aboard. Under a ~~job~~ and tattered mainsail, she sailed herself just a few miles from the port of Marion, Massachusetts. And thereby hands a tale, for it's the second time that Marion, Massachusetts, becomes associated with a weird mystery of the sea.

The empty ship was taken in ~~xxx~~ tow by a Boston fishing dragger and brought into harbor at Plymouth. Then it became evident that her name was Bemon. But, the Harbor master, upon looking over the registry of ships, could find no vessel listed of that name. Not only was there no crew aboard, but no ship's papers, no clothes, nothing to indicate who owned her. In short, the plight of that racing sloop Bemon is a complete mystery.

Which
~~And that~~ set reporters to remembering that Marion
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Massachusetts, was also the home port of the schooner Marie Celeste. It was just sixty-nine years ago that the Marie Celeste. sailed from New York to Italy. Several weeks later, a British vessel ~~xi~~ sighted the Marie Celeste three hundred miles west of Gibraltar.

MYSTERY -2

All ^{id}s were set and everything on board shipshape, but no sign or trace of a living soul. The remains of a breakfast were on the captain's table, indicating ~~ix~~ that she had been abandoned in the middle of a meal. But to this day nobody knows what caused the crew to abandon the Marie Celeste nor what happened to the crew or the captain's family, including a small child. Volumes have been written guessing at the mystery, but nothing ever developed to indicate what really happened.

COOGAN

8 1/2 At Fort Ord, California, a private soldier who was also a bridegroom, was listed today as A.W.O.L. It was Private Jackie Coogan, once the most famous child star in show business, once believed to have earned four million dollars. He was given weekend leave and seized the shining hour to elope to Nevada. There he was married to a blond nineteen year old named Flower Parry, who thus became the second Mrs. Jackie Coogan. He was due back in camp this morning at six thirty, but sixthirty came and no bridegroom recruit back at his duties. So it went down on the books,

7 We hear that his A.W.O.L. The superior officers won't be too strict with him,

~~they have intimated.~~ If he's back soon, probably the worst he'll

some extra K.P. - chance to peel a tin get will be ~~peeling off a tin of potatoes.~~ And that of itself or so of potatoes. ought to be good training for married life.

2 1/4 And now Hugh will you peel off a word or two?