

On the Western Front the Allies are moving ahead slowly but definitely, all along the line.

General Patton ordered an attack by the Third Army ~~before~~ before dawn this morning, and his Yanks charged ahead until they were less than six miles from Saarbrücken, the capital of the Saar Basin. Other divisions of his army waged a house-to-house battle all day in the streets of Saarlautern, one of the fortresses, ~~in~~ in the Siegfried Line. Another town west of Saarlautern is in flames.

Further north the Ninth Army of General Simpson crossed the River Roer and is now fighting in the eastern portion of the fortress town of Jülich.

In fact, a broadcast from Paris reported ~~the place~~ ~~was~~ <sup>it now</sup> entirely in American hands, but that is not confirmed at headquarters.

The American First Army advanced into the

foothills at the northern end of the Eifel Mountains. North of that the British Second Army in Holland destroyed the German bridgehead on the west bank of the River <sup>M</sup>aa<sup>s</sup> at Venlo. The British are pushing ahead toward Duisburg.

In the south the Seventh Army forced another pass in the Vosges Mountains, captured a town only eight miles from Colmar, while the ~~French~~ French First Army is advancing on Colmar from the South. Two other columns of the Seventh are advancing towards the Rhenish Palatinate north of Strasbourg.

## REPRISALS

The latest effrontery of the Nazi government is to threaten reprisals against countries who execute traitors. The Hitlerites want particularly to protect by these threats French people who collaborated with the Germans during the occupation. If the French government continues to punish those of its Nationals who collaborated with the invaders, the Germans will execute loyal Frenchmen who are held prisoners in Germany. The German Foreign Office ~~has~~ today announced that it had so notified the International Red Cross in Switzerland. ~~The Germans mentioned specifically General Dentz, who was the Military Governor of Paris when the Nazis captured the city in Nineteen Forty; also General Robert Ernst, one of the foremost collaborators.~~

RUSSIA

*Second*

While the ~~Second~~ Soviet Army of the Ukraine keeps up the siege of Budapest, the Third Army advanced seventeen miles across Western Hungary, and is <sup>now</sup> less than sixty miles from Austria, <sup>and</sup> only <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ hundred and twenty-two miles ~~away~~ from Vienna. The Soviet high command reports that the Nazis will not be able to stop them short of the Austrian frontier. Those Red columns <sup>have</sup> taken ~~more than~~ <sup>more</sup> one hundred places, including one <sup>town</sup> ~~town~~ ~~only~~ five miles ~~away from Lake~~ ~~Balaton, between Budapest and Vienna.~~

A Bulgarian army is fighting side by side with the Third Army of the Ukraine. On Lake Balaton ferries are working twenty-four hours a day evacuating civilians in the path of the victorious Red columns.

GREECE

In Athens the government of Premier Papandreou tonight rests upon the support of British bayonets.

With <sup>martial</sup> ~~martial~~ law proclaimed in Athens the British

Commanding <sup>general</sup> ~~officer~~ ordered all armed forces of the

Elas, the Left Wing party, to leave Athens and the ~~city~~

of Pireus within seventy-two hours. <sup>Meanwhile</sup> ~~The~~ British troops

intercepted several hundred armed ~~in~~ Left Wingers as they were entering the city, intercepted them and took away their arms.

~~Nevertheless~~ The ancient capital of Attica is in a turmoil. With a general strike in force, all business is at a standstill, even activities of the government.

The Greek police were utterly unable to cope with the opposition of the government. Only the British regiments of Lieutenant General ~~Scovy~~ stand in the way of a civil war. The British support of the

government has made the United States all the more popular. A group of Elas demonstrators encountered a bunch of Uncle Sam's army officers, grabbed them and carried them on <sup>their shoulders</sup> ~~the shoulders~~ through the streets of Athens. A huge Elas crowd made a demonstration outside the American Legation, cheering the United States. A late report hinted that the Papandreou Cabinet might resign to avert civil war.

## PACIFIC

American submarines in the Pacific have sunk twenty more Japanese vessels. This brings their total of sinkings in three years of undersea warfare in the Pacific to eight hundred and seventy-four enemy vessels destroyed. Among the latest bagged were a light cruiser and a destroyer, also thirteen cargo ships, four cargo transports, and a tanker. This, we understand, was a hard blow to the Japanese, whose merchant fleet is being whittled away, which makes it more and more difficult for them to keep their far-flung outposts properly supplied.

Not long ago a barefoot Filipino runner brought a note written in pencil to guerrilla headquarters on the eastern side of Samar. It reported that a troop of Japanese had passed through a village fifteen miles to the north, *on their way* to reinforce the garrison at a place called Taft. That note brought a golden

PHILIPPINES

In spite of the rain, <sup>Mac Arthur's men</sup> ~~Uncle Sam's doughboys~~

on Leyte are plowing slowly, ~~but~~ steadily ahead along the eastern edge of the Ormoc corridor. They are also pushing the Japs back north of Ormoc.

The rain has made <sup>all Leyte</sup> ~~the~~ roads ~~literally~~ impassable.

Nevertheless, American supplies are being moved in one way or another to the troops in the front line.

On the island of Samar, nextdoor, MacArthur's forces are also gradually wiping out the Mikado's garrison, with ~~considerable~~ <sup>the</sup> help ~~from~~ <sup>of</sup> Filipino guerrillas.

Not long ago a barefoot Filipino runner brought a note written in pencil to guerrilla headquarters on the eastern side of Samar. It reported that a troop of Japanese had passed through a village fifteen miles to the north, <sup>on their way</sup> ~~marching~~ to reinforce the <sup>in</sup> garrison at a place called Taft. That news brought a golden

opportunity to our men who had just received a new consignment of semi-automatic Garand rifles. So the Colonel commanding the guerrillas sent a Lieutenant with twenty men across the bay in outrigger canoes. Then he sent another force marching north to attack the Japs from the front. The result was they <sup>caught</sup> ~~got~~ the Japanese ~~neatly~~ in a perfect ambush. The Lieutenant with the twenty men hit them while they were crossing a bridge. Guerrillas were hidden all along the river bank and on a hill five hundred yards away.

The Filipinos opened fire and were mowing the Japanese down. But the survivors replied with rifles, machine guns, and knee mortars. The larger body of Americans coming up on foot had not yet arrived, and the Japs were still ~~xxxxxxxx~~ <sup>outnumbering</sup> the twenty guerrillas hidden on the river bank. Some of the Japs dove into the water, and others tried to find a cover in the

~~rocks along the edge of the water. They were waiting for darkness, and the chance of escaping. But the~~

*The* Filipinos closed in, and the Japs broke and ran, leaving twenty-nine dead bodies on the bridge and a considerable amount of booty. The casualties of the Filipino guerrillas was two men wounded.

~~This is an example of some of the isolated small battles that our men are fighting to win back the Philippines.~~ <sup>reported to be</sup> The Filipinos are a great help because ~~in the jungle~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~santa tactics~~ of stalking and ambushing the enemy. ~~they are as good as the Japanese.~~

CHINA

Another Cabinet crisis in China. Chiang Kai-Shek has given up his position as Acting President of the Chinese Cabinet in order to give all his time and attention to the war. He is replaced by Foreign Minister Soong, ~~the~~ brother of Madame Chiang. This ~~is~~ an immediate consequence of the latest success of the Japanese armies now invading the province of Kweichow, which puts them only two hundred miles away from Chungking. ~~1937~~

In this upheaval, Soong takes precedence over Doctor ~~H. H.~~ Kung, who until today was Vice President of the Chinese Cabinet. ~~xxxx~~ There is a report that <sup>Dr.</sup> Kung, Madame Chiang's brother-in-law, has resigned and ~~will be entirely out of the Cabinet.~~ <sup>that we will</sup> ~~we shall probably~~ hear of further changes in Chungking.

~~before long~~  
Hugh, tell us about Stan. A Cal. while I run thru the American news.

President Roosevelt today sprang a surprise on Washington. The city had been agog with rumors about the new Under-Secretary of State, to replace Edward Stettinius when he became Secretary. Some people expected Nelson Rockefeller to get the job, others thought Norman Armour ~~was~~ a more likely candidate. <sup>TP Well, the</sup> President ~~surprised everybody~~ and sent <sup>our distinguished and famous</sup> to Congress the nomination of Joseph C. Grew, former Ambassador to Japan.

~~But that was not the only surprise.~~  
<sup>Mr. also</sup> Roosevelt announced a complete shake-up of the Department of State, the biggest since he took office. He accepted the resignations of three Assistant Secretaries, including New Dealer Adolph A. Berle. The others were G. Howland Shaw and Breckenridge Long. To succeed them the President appointed William L. Clayton, Poet Archibald McLeish, and Nelson A. Rockefeller. ~~That takes Rockefeller out of his~~

Rockefeller will still function  
~~present position~~ as Coordinator of Interamerican  
Affairs, ~~and leaves open~~ <sup>but</sup> the job of Librarian of  
Congress, which Archibald MacLeish has held, <sup>will be</sup>  
~~open.~~

The President said he accepted the resignations  
of Berleg, Long and Shaw with great regret, since all  
three have rendered outstanding service <sup>as he put it:-</sup> and filled  
their posts with great distinction."

The President then explained specifically  
what the new Assistant Secretaries will do. Nelson  
Rockefeller evidently changes only his title. As  
Assistant Secretary of State he will go on doing what  
he has been doing. <sup>That is he</sup> ~~he~~ will be in charge of relations  
with the American Republics. The President announced  
that he will appoint <sup>no</sup> ~~his~~ successor to Rockefeller  
as Coordinator, since he will continue to direct the  
policies of that office. <sup>As for</sup> Poet MacLeish <sup>he</sup> will be in charge  
of Public and Cultural Relations; Clayton, who comes

from Texas, will be in charge of Foreign Economic Affairs. And the President added that at the request of Secretary Stettinius, Clayton will report directly to the White House on all matters pertaining to Civil Aviation.

The President concluded his message with the announcement that he intends to make other appointments to strengthen the State Department, in the near future, and will send to Congress the nomination of Norman Armour to an important diplomatic post abroad.

offer workers a bonus if they stay on war jobs. Somervell said he heartily approved the plan, but the bonus should not be paid until the end of the war. He said they consider that a much better suggestion than an increase of wages, which would not necessarily keep workers on the job.

Chalmers King told newspapermen today that he hoped

## MANPOWER

Congressmen today heard that the shortage of manpower is critical in several important war industries. They also heard the warning that if something is not done to solve the problem within a month, the Army chiefs will have to ask for special draft laws to meet the crisis. *At any rate that's* ~~that's~~ what Lieutenant General Somervell, Commander of the Service Forces of the Army, *the House Military Affairs* told <sup>^</sup> committee today.

He went on to say that he and Chairman Krug of the War Production Board had proposed to offer workers a bonus if they stay on war jobs. *Gen.* Somervell said he heartily approved <sup>of</sup> the plan, ~~the~~ ~~idea is that~~ the bonus ~~should~~ <sup>to</sup> not be paid until the ~~the~~ end of the war. *He said* ~~and~~ they consider that a much better suggestion than <sup>an</sup> increase of wages, which would not necessarily keep workers on the job.

*R* Chairman Krug told newspapermen today that he hoped

to complete his plan and offer it to Congress  
in a couple of weeks.

...ing scandal at Camp Shanks,  
Orangetown, New York. The first witness was a reporter  
of the New York Daily News. In October Nineteen  
Forty-two he and a photographer put on laborers'  
clothes and took a job at Camp Shanks. They found  
that crooked gamblers with marked cards and crooked  
dice had the run of the place. Also, loan sharks and  
other unscrupulous characters. Jobs were being sold  
for anywhere from two dollars to twenty dollars  
apiece. (~~A New York Dealer was on the payroll as an  
electrician, though he never went near the place  
except to go collect his money.~~) The graft at Camp  
Shanks is reported to be around twenty-five million  
dollars. This ~~was~~ the first of a series of hearings  
before a legislative committee,  
~~an investigation of the army has been~~  
probing into this federal mess at  
a big military camp.

SHANKS

Congressmen today were investigating a big graft and racketeering scandal at Camp Shanks, Orangeburg, New York. The first witness was a reporter of the New York Daily News. In October Nineteen Forty-two he and a photographer put on laborers' clothes and took a job at Camp Shanks. They found that crooked gamblers with marked cards and crooked dice had the run of the place. Also, loan sharks and other unsalubrious characters. Jobs were being sold for anywhere from two dollars to twenty dollars apiece. (~~A New York dentist was on the payroll as an electrician, though he never went near the place except to ~~go~~ collect his money.~~) The graft at Camp Shanks is reported to be around twenty-five million dollars. <sup>is</sup> This ~~is~~ the first of a series of hearings before a legislative committee, ~~the Committee of Congressmen has begun.~~ proding into this federal mess at a big military camp.

DEMILLE

Cecil B. DeMille is going on a strike, he will strike not against his employer but against the union to which he belongs. He will give up broadcasting, throw up a salary of Five thousand Dollars a week rather than pay one dollar as assessment to the union for political propaganda.

The old Maestro of the films belongs to the American Federation of Radio Artists. That union is collecting a fund to oppose the passing of a law by the California legislature to make the closed shop illegal. To build up their fund they assessed each member one dollar. DeMille says he is a union man, believes in unions, but will not comply. He pointed out that if ~~such~~ an organization can assess each member one dollar it can assess <sup>6</sup> him one thousand dollars for any political or other purpose. It could even assess communists for the support of the Republicans, or Republicans for the support of the Communists. So, said he, not one dollar for tribute.

## SANTA CLAUS

Here we have a message to the youngsters of the United States from Postmaster General Frank Walker. He says he's delighted to be, as Postmaster General, a help to Santa Claus, but he wants it understood that he definitely is not the old gentleman with the whiskers and the twinkly eyes.

The Post office recently issued a leaflet urging people to mail their gifts early, and the leaflet was signed by the Postmaster General. As a consequence, youngsters everywhere are sending in their lists to Frank Walker.

What he had sent out was an illustrated leaflet with pictures of various things, such as trains, a woman ~~and~~ buying a necktie, Christmas trees, and a soldier shooting a machine gun. The children returned these to the ~~Postmaster~~ Postmaster General with a circle drawn around one or more of the pictures

and the word "this" written in the margin. One  
small person in Yazoo City, Mississippi sent back  
the leaflet with one word written on the back  
- the word "pants".

The Postmaster General is sorry, but he's  
not Santa Claus.

Many regard President Roosevelt as Santa  
Claus, so maybe the little folk should write to him.

DORSEY

*Or shall we*

*Now* The Dorsey trial ~~beat all~~ ~~records for~~ ~~astonishment~~ ~~this afternoon~~ ~~It was~~ ~~well~~ ~~the~~ ~~Prosecutor,~~ ~~who~~ ~~sprang~~ ~~the~~ ~~surprise,~~ Deputy District Attorney *Myer,*

*sprang a surprise today* ~~It was~~ ~~after~~ ~~hearing~~ ~~his~~ ~~principal~~ ~~witness~~ ~~tangled~~

up and confused on cross-examination, ~~he~~ ~~said~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Judge:~~ Your honor, the District Attorney's office cannot conscientiously ask the jury to convict ~~the~~ ~~defendants~~ on the strength of such witnesses as these". And he added: "I move that the charges be dismissed, because a continuation of the trial will merely cost the tax payers unnecessary expense."

~~Before this happened the prosecutors had told the lawyers for the Trombone Tootler and his wife and Gambler Allen Smiley, that he would accede to any motion they made for dismissal of the charges. They declined, said the motion ~~must~~ should come from the Prosecutor. And so he did.~~

Judge Crum of the Superior Court, ~~made no attempt to conceal his amazement~~ With his elbows on his desk, ~~he~~ ~~buried~~ ~~his~~ ~~face~~ ~~in~~ ~~his~~ ~~hands,~~ ~~and~~ ~~held~~

~~that posture for an entire minute~~ Deep silence,  
~~throughout the court~~ Then His Honor raised his head  
and said with an impassive face -- ~~what show people~~  
~~call~~ a dead pan -- <sup>said</sup> three words: "Motion denied;  
proceed".

All this followed on ~~the~~ testimony <sup>by</sup> ~~about~~  
~~that classic Hollywood brawl, given by~~ Antonio Icaza,  
the actor from Panama.

~~The spectators at the Dorsey trial today  
heard a vivid word picture of that classic Hollywood  
brawl ~~staged by Antonio Icaza~~~~

~~from Panama~~ <sup>THE</sup> Senor Antonio Icaza said Dorsey  
started the fight by smashing Actor Jon Hall between  
the eyes with a bottle, ~~in one hand and an uppercut~~  
~~from the other fist.~~ That <sup>Dorsey</sup> ~~the trombonist~~ then tried to  
throw Jon Hall over the balcony railing to the  
pavement five stories below. And that Jon Hall saved  
himself from annihilation by getting a head-lock  
on the ~~to~~ttler. At which point in the festivities  
Tommy Dorsey shrieked to Gambler Alan Smiley -  
calling for help.

The actor from Panama gave the jurors a show  
by illustrating the head-lock that Jon Hall had  
clamped on the Trombonist's head. With the Assistant  
District Attorney offering himself as a dummy for

DORSEY - 21

the illustration. Before he knew it, the Panamanian had the prosecutor doubled up under one arm, choking. The D.A. was red in the face ~~and~~ and so scant of breath he couldn't call for help.

Senor Icaza went on to tell that after Gambler Smiley joined in the brawl ~~he, Good Neighbor Smiley, was working on ~~him~~ Jon Hall with his fists, while the trombone player was operating with the broken bottle. At which point Mrs. Dorsey, known as Pat Dane, appeared on the scene with a kitchen knife -- to the rescue of her ~~trombonist~~ embattled ~~man's~~ husband.~~

~~Later~~ ~~also today~~ a physician testified that Jon Hall's head was cut just above the spinal column, his ear was slashed, and his nose fractured between the eyes. The doctor did not examine the nose itself because it was covered with adhesive, and Hall at that

' moment was getting some speedy plastic surgery.

~~He added that Hall's lower eyelids were blacked,  
and he had two welts over his kidneys.~~

After the ~~day's~~ proceedings ~~the~~ reporters  
~~naturally flocked around the bench to question~~ ~~at the~~

*1/2* Judge, *who* refused to explain why he ~~is~~ denied the  
motion to dismiss ~~the case.~~ *the case.* Said he: "When I <sup>did</sup> ~~am~~ so, I closed  
my mouth, and I am keeping it closed now".

~~and that, for the moment is that~~

*9* And now Hugh, come  
Hugh, and open your mouth!