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*Cannon*

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

On this the eleventh day of the battle for Attu, the Japs are nearing the end of their eleven months of occupation. The Japs on Attu are now cooped up in a small space near the isolated area of Chichagof Harbor, there either to die or surrender.

Evidently, the final clearing out of the enemy is being done with as little cost in American lives as possible. The Japs encircled in that rocky



trap are being hammered by the guns of our light naval craft, while overhead army planes are bombing them to pieces. ~~Furthermore,~~ The Stars and Stripes now flutter over the airplane landing strip in <sup>the</sup> Holtz Bay area. *Where,* Thanks to the enterprise of the Japs, we now have ~~there~~ a field big enough to accommodate our heavy bombers.

Though the official communiques do not say so, it seems evident that the fog has lifted for once in that murky region. Otherwise the bombers would not be able to operate.

Secretary Stimson told the newspapermen <sup>today</sup> that our casualties have been comparatively small. However,

~~we mustn't crow too soon.~~ The Japs are prepared to sell their position dearly, and it <sup>may</sup> ~~probably will~~ take <sup>much</sup> hand-to-hand fighting ~~with bayonets~~ to clean them out. ~~finally~~

The Secretary of War then intimated that Kiska

will be the next stop.

He tells us that our men got considerable booty when they captured the Jap positions in the Holtz Bay area. <sup>There</sup> They found guns, ammunition in good condition, and an entire anti-aircraft battery fully equipped and supplied. <sup>d.</sup> Holtz Bay had been the most heavily defended of all the positions ~~on~~ the island. <sup>Our men</sup> ~~But the United States soldiers~~ captured the heights over the bay and ~~this~~ made it too hot for the Japs.

Stimson explained that the soldiers assigned to <sup>is</sup> that expedition ~~had been~~ <sup>were</sup> specially trained for it. ~~for~~ ~~some while~~ <sup>TP</sup> The land forces are under the command of Major General Eugene M. Handrum. ~~Contrary to the accounts from Tokyo, the Japs made very little resistance to the earlier phase of the landing.~~ General Landrum was able to establish and consolidate his beachheads without difficulty. The first days were

taken up almost entirely by the disembarkation, unloading supplies, and then gradually pushing further ahead.

The Tokyo radio claimed that the Japs had sunk ten of our twenty-seven landing barges with all hands on board. Our own authorities tell us nothing about that. And there is nothing to confirm the Tokyo claim that a United States battleship or cruiser was destroyed by either a mine or a submarine.

~~and~~ Reports from Tokyo leave no doubt that final victory on Attu is ~~pretty close~~ at hand. One broadcast said that in some Jap units the loss of life had been a hundred per cent. ~~So we may soon expect the good tidings that there are no more Japs on Attu except dead Japs and prisoners. And they're the only kind to have around.~~

It now turns out that the Japs did us quite a favor in building that bombing strip on Attu; giving us a springboard. only six hundred and thirty miles east of the most northerly Japanese naval base -- Ex Paramushiro, in the Kuriles. Also another place from which to attack the Japs on Kiska.

ADD LEAD

Here is the gist of a late broadcast from Tokyo, the Japs have been quite obliging in giving us news.

Tokyo says tonight that more than two-thirds of the Japs on Attu Island have been wiped out. The remainder of the

garrison is fighting to the last man against an American

force more than a hundred times its number, says

Tokyo; *which sounds like a wild* ~~of course that is an official~~ exaggeration,

designed to console the Japanese at home for the loss of

the island, ~~also to make the Japs look better in the eyes~~

~~of the Nazis.~~

## CHINA

Ominous news from China - a Japanese army of sixty thousand is advancing in the central part of the country. Ground forces ~~are~~ supported by strong escorter planes, tanks and heavy artillery, also paratroopers. The <sup>ir</sup> goal appears to be Enshih, ~~which is~~ the war capital of Hupeh Province. ~~Enshih is~~ On the south bank of the Ching River, ~~which is~~ a tributary of the Yangtze. ~~The place is~~ Only a hundred and eighty miles east of Chungking.

This news is given out by a spokesman for ~~the~~ Chiang Kai-shek, ~~states~~. He said the Japs are advancing in three large columns, ~~They are~~ sweeping the low lying lands near Lake Tungting. One ~~of the~~ columns has already reached a point forty miles west of the lake. Another prong of the Japanese attack has ~~already~~ reached an important town a hundred and twenty miles east of Enshih.

~~Altogether, it looks like a most serious offensive and a grave threat to China.~~

CLARK LEE - LAWSON

One of the ablest of the foreign correspondents in this Second World War, is a young man named Clark Lee who covered the war in the Pacific for the Associated Press. He has just written an article entitled "How Japan Plans To Win", in the current issue of Collier's. Every American - man, woman and child - should ~~get that article and read it, within the next few hours.~~

I'll not attempt even to summarize ~~the~~ *What* *has to say, but* ~~things~~ Clark Lee *says in his article.* ~~But~~ here is one quotation ~~from it~~ that will give you an idea:-

"Some public leaders in America and newspapers have stressed forcibly the great historic menace that faces us in the Pacific. Many have pointed out ~~that~~ the peril inherent in the policy ~~we~~ we have followed up at the present, our attempt to wear



the Japanese down by attrition." ~~So says Clark Lee,~~

And then he adds: "Few however, have/dared to state the whole startling truth about the Pacific. The truth is that Japan has already won her war!" Whereupon Clark Lee tells us ~~just~~ why this is so.

~~Now~~ After you read that article, if you can stand a thrill turn to the first detailed personal story that has come out concerning the greatest air raid in history, the raid on Tokyo led by Jimmy Doolittle. The title of it is THIRTY SECONDS OVER TOKYO. And it's by Captain Ted Lawson one of Doolittle's pilots.

All this may sound as though Jim<sup>ON</sup> Colliers staff. But Jim not. These are simply things not to miss.

## ROOSEVELT

The Pacific War Council met today with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. The President and the British Prime Minister talked to the War Council for ninety minutes, giving a detailed picture of the war situation all over the globe. The meeting was also attended by Canadian Prime Minister McKenzie-King. Although the situation was explained to the members, what they said after the meeting indicated that they had not been told anything about future plans.

## ARMY AND NAVY

The lower House of Congress today passed the largest naval appropriation in history, twenty-nine billion dollars. It has become a little trite to talk about largest bills in history, because each succeeding one becomes that. Until today, the last naval appropriation was the largest in history.

Anyway, that twenty-nine billion business sounds almost like hay when you hear the figures on the budget for Uncle Sam's Army next year. President Roosevelt informed Congress today that he wants almost seventy-two billion for the Army and Air Force, for Nineteen Forty-four.

~~Six billions more he prognosticated in January. Secretary Steve Early says this is due to a tremendous expansion in the aircraft building program.~~

Of the seventy-two billions, the President has allotted twenty-three billion, six hundred and fifty-five million to the Air Force.

In fact, of that twenty-nine-billion Navy appropriation, six billion are for aircraft.

Hitler's Reich is now being bombed not only around the clock but "all around the map." Such is the phrase used by British Foreign Secretary Eden today. *And*

*from now on*  
 There will be no respite for the Nazis until the war is won. *Night and day they'll get* ~~They may expect to be raided from the air night and day, without cease and without respite except such~~  
~~it - except when the flares~~  
~~are held up~~ *And, it's too*  
~~may be provided by the weather. ~~bombing not only day~~~~  
~~be impartial. That is stally~~  
~~after day, and night after night, but hour by hour~~  
~~is to get its full share.~~  
 Eden added that the same things holds good for

~~Mussolini.~~

~~Eden gave some interesting details.~~ In many of the recent British raids on the Ruhr, the R.A.F. dropped an even heavier tonnage of bombs than in that raid of a thousand planes on Cologne last year. And Cologne received three times as many bombs as the Nazis ever dropped on any British city. *So said Anthony*

1 Eden, ~~was talking~~ to a conference of members of

the British Conservative Party. His address was by way of a follow-up to ~~the speech of Prime Minister~~ *speech in Washington* Churchill's ~~to the Congress of the United States~~ *The British* yesterday. ~~The~~ *^* Foreign Secretary threw some handsome bouquets at his chief, *too.* He said that Churchill's most important gift *is his* ~~was the one which sustained his colleague~~ ~~against the harsh blows. And that, said Eden is his~~ buoyant and infectious courage, which no anxiety can weaken and no defeat can daunt. *And then Anthony Eden* ~~Eden~~ went on to ~~declare~~ that Winston Spencer Churchill is the greatest Englishman of our time.

The Foreign Secretary *also gave* ~~went on to give~~ his hearers a ~~six months~~ *in the past 6 months* review of the war. He said that ~~in that time,~~ the Axis lost three hundred and five thousand men killed, wounded and captured in Africa; forty-one warships including two cruisers, twenty-four submarines and a large number of light craft; half a

million tons of merchant shipping sunk plus two hundred thousand tons badly damaged. In addition to all that, a loss of three thousand aircraft and one thousand tanks, to say nothing of huge quantities of guns, munitions and vehicles.

A raid in which fifteen hundred tons of bombs are dropped has now become virtually a routine operation, said Eden. And he announced that the Royal Air Force is growing stronger <sup>by the</sup> ~~almost every~~ week. ~~now.~~

The Nazis admitted the damage done to Flensburg by our Flying Fortresses yesterday. And ~~it is observed~~ <sup>Alsace</sup> that the Axis radio <sup>has</sup> ~~has~~ stopped making any reports on the water levels <sup>caused by those Ruhr</sup> ~~of the floods caused by the bombing of~~ ~~those dams~~

Following last night's raid on Berlin by Mosquitos of the Royal Air Force, large formations of heavy American and British bombers were seen flying over the straits this afternoon. So far there is no report of where they went or what they did. ~~there.~~

# MEDITERRANEAN

The war in the Mediterranean, for the time being, is almost <sup>all in</sup> ~~entirely an affair~~ of the air. In the last twenty-four hours, American planes carried out ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~so fewer than~~ five ~~different~~ raids. Four ~~of them were~~ ~~on airfields in~~ <sup>on</sup> Sardinia, one ~~at Trapani in~~ <sup>on</sup> Sicily.

<sup>And our airmen find that</sup> ~~The raiders found that~~ the Axis has been rushing aerial reinforcements to the Mediterranean. ~~theatre~~

~~Until yesterday, the resistance to our raiders had been feeble. But all of a sudden it has been stopped up.~~

<sup>Trapani, a</sup> Our biggest raid was made on ~~the~~ Sicilian air center,

where our Flying Fortresses destroyed thirty-seven

enemy planes on the ground. As <sup>they</sup> ~~they~~ turned around to go

home, ~~a large fleet of fifty enemy fighters~~ <sup>appeared</sup> ~~appeared~~

~~to attack them~~ ~~and~~ ~~to give them battle.~~ Thereupon followed an

~~air battle~~ <sup>series</sup> of dogfights that lasted ~~for~~ <sup>some</sup> twenty minutes.

~~The enemy fighters chased~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~our~~ Fortresses far out to sea.

~~our~~ <sup>our</sup> Lightning escorts ~~came down on their tails and~~ <sup>planned</sup>

shot down ten. ~~of them~~

*the enemy*  
To the radio man on one of the Fortresses,  
~~they~~ appeared to be desperate, ready to risk anything.  
*And they came in from every*  
~~to avenge the destruction created by our monster bombers.~~

~~They came sweeping and soaring and zooming from~~  
*point*  
~~every part~~ of the compass and from every angle.

~~likewise when Dad Little's~~  
~~The same thing happened to the American~~

*IF* In the ~~on~~ *big*  
medium bombers that attacked the airfields of Sardinia,  
*hey* ~~After~~ *smashed up*  
~~They managed to bag~~ seven Axis planes on the ground.

~~Then~~ *hey* ~~they wheeled home,~~ large formations of German

~~and Italian interceptors came at them. Eighteen of the~~

~~enemy interceptors were shot down.~~ All in all, a total

*more*  
of seventy-three enemy aircraft were destroyed both

in the air and on the ~~earth~~ *ground.*



# PRISONERS

~~One thing accomplished by the victory in Africa~~  
~~will be to supply manpower for our farmers who are so~~  
~~badly in need of it.~~ <sup>Yes,</sup> Many of the prisoners taken in the

Tunisian campaign will be brought to this country. ~~Just~~

*So says* Secretary Stinson, *but he doesn't say*  
~~how many,~~ ~~could not say at present~~  
*when or how many.*

The total number of Axis captives in Tunisia is about

two hundred and sixty-seven thousand; ~~about~~ a hundred and

forty thousand ~~of those are~~ Italians, the rest Germans.

The Italians, *are good farmers and* ~~of course, are marvelous field workers.~~  
*many will get that type work over here.*  
~~How many we will get depends upon the number of ships~~

~~available, food supplies, and so forth.~~

*of course.*  
All ~~this will be strictly~~ in accord with the

Geneva Convention. ~~Prisoners will be paid and will also~~

~~receive their food, clothing and housing at the expense~~

~~of Uncle Sam.~~

Not all ~~of the~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ will be employed  
on ~~the~~ farms. Other types of work are also permitted

by the Geneva Convention. ~~But the farm is the place~~  
~~where they are the most needed in the United States.~~

Secretary Stimson took much pains <sup>today</sup> to explain  
that <sup>they are not to be</sup> ~~these captives are not being~~ brought here to replace  
our own workingmen. They <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ be used only where we  
have shortages. ~~They will positively~~ <sup>Not</sup> ~~be used~~ as  
strike-breakers, <sup>either.</sup>

The arrival of the first batch of these  
prisoners will be quite an historical event. <sup>We are told that</sup> ~~Not~~ since  
the American Revolution have there been any prisoners  
of war from across the seas on the soil of the United  
States.

## FOOD CONFERENCE

Several Congressmen are determined to break down the barriers imposed by President Roosevelt on news from the International Food Conference at Hot Springs. Judge Marvin Jones, <sup>who is presiding,</sup> ~~the President of the~~ ~~meeting,~~ has announced that any congressman who wants to attend is perfectly welcome. But there is no let-down ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> the embargo on newspapermen. ~~However,~~ <sup>7</sup> Republican Congressman Fred Bradley of Michigan had access to the inner circle of the delegates, <sup>and as</sup> ~~as~~ he left, he told reporters that he would be back and would bring several other Congressmen with him. Bradley declared that the American public <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ entitled to know what is going on and <sup>he says he</sup> ~~that he~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ intended to see that the public gets the information.

Evidently the conference is taking up in a big way the matter of stabilizing money after the war. It will be difficult to distribute ~~foods~~ foodstuffs all

over the world properly if prices fluctuate as they did after the first World War.

# STRIKE

~~Strikes~~ <sup>Strikes</sup> in Detroit ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> tied up five large war production plants. ~~It is~~ the most damaging stoppage of work in any war industry since Pearl Harbor.

More than twenty-two thousand of the C.I.O. United Automobile Workers are out. The night shift joined the strike just as the National War Labor Board sent out a message to the union officials in Detroit demanding that the strikers return to work immediately.

This is a series of wildcat ~~strikes~~ <sup>affairs</sup> although one local union official approved of the action of

seven thousand day workers at the main plant of the

(This was what started it all, apparently.)

Dodge Company. The President of that union admitted ~~that~~

he had ordered the men out as a protest. He complained

that the Company is putting new workers on the payroll

at wages higher than the older men already employed.

A spokesman for the Company said this was not true and

<sup>that</sup> the strikes were nothing but sabotage.

# GASOLINE

Tonight we know the cause of the gasoline crisis in the Eastern states. Hitherto we were given to understand ~~that~~ it was due to the needs of our armies in Africa and Britain. ~~They~~ have something to do with it.

*And that did*  
But ~~also there is~~ *it mainly concerns* a break in the pipeline ~~which~~ *that* has been bringing oil from Texas ~~into~~ Illinois. *A break at* ~~It is broken at~~

Little Rock, Arkansas. Secretary Ickes tells us the consequence is a decrease of something like two hundred barrels a day in the supply of petroleum coming to the

*7/2* East coast. It will be a matter of ~~several~~ days, perhaps *possibly* ~~even several~~ weeks, before ~~that pipeline can be repaired.~~ *its repaired,*

Stocks are low in the Eastern states, therefore even after ~~that~~ pipeline is working once more, the reserve supply will have to be replenished. *Hence* ~~before~~ the crisis is over, there will be a still further reduction of gasoline available for our cars.

*Which leaves you with what to say, Hugh?*