

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Today the battle of Britain became still more intense.

All through the daylight hours, the aerial raids increased.

The climax of the day was reached when a squadron of thirty Stuka dive bombers attempted a blow at the Great Airport at Croydon, just outside London. But the Royal Air Force met the invaders, and drove them off.

The attack on Croydon was only one episode in this day of battle. Hitler's planes <sup>today</sup> ~~also~~ dropped their bombs on ~~other parts~~ ~~of~~ the suburbs of London. The first time the war had been brought so close to the great capital of the Empire, with its teeming eight million people.

Dispatches from an unnamed town on the southeast coast of England report a steady attack, wave upon wave of Nazi dive bombers. At the end of the day, the British Air Ministry reported the bagging of eighty-eight German planes as against the loss of only nineteen British, with five of those nineteen British pilots still alive, and sound.

As night came on there was no let-up in the Nazi air attack. Still coming on; squadron after squadron. It is believed that there were in all something like two thousand fighting planes in the air today!

The Nazis, for their part, are boasting that the German air attack today raged over the entire valley of the Thames.

There were fierce fights in the air over the great docks at Tilbury, London. The Nazi Agency also reported that one German squadron had bombed an airfield up North in Yorkshire. The Germans claim, as usual, THAT they lost only a few planes and shot down an enormous number of British fighters. They also say the British anti-aircraft fire was ineffective. Also that their bombers attacked naval dockyards, arsenals, and the wharves at Sheerness, Chatham and Rochester, all along the estuary of the Thames. Also Southampton, Portsmouth and Portland.

The Germans ~~also~~ say they are in no hurry and have thrown only a small fraction of their air power against the British.

PLANE TRAP

The British Ministry of Information announces that one German bomber was caught in a "plane trap." There is no explanation of what that trap could be. But the Ministry of Information adds that the German bomber caught in that trap was completely wrecked; all its occupants killed.

CHURCHILL

Great Britain received a warning today from her Prime Minister. Churchill told the House of Commons <sup>today</sup> that the country should beware - Britain still in imminent danger of an intensive invasion from the Nazis.

There was a debate in the House today that almost ended in a fist fight. A labor member had asked for specific information about the activities of the agency established by the Government to fight the Fifth Column in Britain. The Prime Minister declined to answer, saying that if he made public what the member wanted to know, it might be helpful to the enemy.

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~~Only~~ last week that agency, which is headed by Lord Swinton, was attacked in Parliament as a British Gestapo. This afternoon there was a heated argument about it between the Prime Minister and one of the Independent members. Churchill accused ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> Independent member of having obstructed all that Churchill had tried to do to warn Britain of her danger before the war and he said that the member who criticized him had always done his utmost to discredit him, ~~xxxx~~ Churchill. Thereupon that Independent member got to his feet and addressed the speaker, demanding protection against gross and lying innuendo. One of the Labor members came to the defense of the Prime Minister and got into an argument with another Labor member. Before it was over, the two Labor ~~xxxxxxx~~ members were *the Halls of Parliament* challenging each other to go outside and fight it out.

GREECE

The guessing on the other side tonight is that Mussolini is about to move in on Greece. The British believe he will pick on Salonika first, Salonika where a huge allied force was encamped, practically immobilized during the last war.

The developments of this tension between Rome and Athens are ~~quite~~ curious. It began today when a Greek warship was torpedoed and sunk in the Harbor of Tinos, one of the islands in the Aegean Sea.

A submarine appeared without warning, fired several torpedoes, one of which sank the Greek warship, a mine-laying cruiser. Two other ~~n~~ torpedoes struck a stone ~~XXXX~~ quay on which there were a number of children. Several

*people on the quay,* including children, were killed and wounded. We do not know yet what submarine it was, or of what

nationality. But, the episode has been seized upon in Italy as a pretext for further propaganda against the Greeks! And ~~XXXXXXXX~~

there's a sample of totalitarian reasoning, for you. You are a peaceful nation, ~~somebody~~ comes along and torpedoes one of

*whereupon you the victim are*  
your ships, ~~so you're~~ a legitimate subject for abuse.

~~It should be hardly necessary to add that there~~  
Tonight there is consternation in Greece.  
~~was great consternation among the Hellenes.~~ Premier General

McTaxis promptly went to the palace and reported to King George. It isn't known yet what action the ~~McTaxis~~ McTaxis government can take, especially as it is not established to what country that raiding ~~submarine~~ submarine belonged. The

Italians deny that it was one of theirs. <sup>Feeling is</sup> ~~of course there~~  
<sup>running high</sup> ~~was considerable feeling~~ against the Italians, <sup>and</sup> Italian  
<sup>are being</sup> newspapers ~~were~~ confiscated in Greece.

London says that Mussolini's reason for <sup>wanting to seize</sup> ~~seizing~~  
Salonika is that it <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ one of the best equipped naval bases  
<sup>Eastern Mediterranean.</sup>  
in the <sup>near East</sup> ~~near East~~. So the Fascist high command will use that

and several of the Greek Islands in the Aegean Sea as bases for ~~to~~ attack upon the British fleet in the Eastern

<sup>That is the belief tonight.</sup>  
Mediterranean. In the Balkans it is believed ~~that~~ Greece

will be obliged to yield to pressure from the Italians, <sup>may not at this moment be in a</sup>  
as the British <sup>would hardly be in a</sup> ~~would hardly be in a~~ position to give  
<sup>the Greeks</sup> ~~the Hellenes~~ any effective help.

Later in the day, the excitement throughout Greece reached a new pitch. The Metaxas Government began to take extreme defensive precautions. It was noticed <sup>d</sup> that motorcycle couriers were racing through the streets of Athens. Then it became known that they had been sent to recall all the officers and men of the Navy who were on leave. The Government also closed the docks and water front and established prohibited areas on the coast of Greece. <sup>ff</sup> The situation in the Balkans is

now acute. <sup>In fact the belief is growing</sup> ~~There's a belief, amounting to conviction,~~ that Italy is going to ~~make demand on~~ <sup>from</sup> Greece <sup>even more</sup> for additional territory <sup>than</sup> ~~at first thought.~~ ~~to be attached to Albania.~~ And that in turn may affect the <sup>generally in the</sup> ~~peace of all the ~~xxxx~~ Balkan countries.~~

A correspondent of the United Press at Athens was telephoning a ~~xxxx~~ dispatch to the United Press Bureau at Zurich in Switzerland ~~xxxx~~ tonight. He had just telephoned these words: "There is a growing feeling on the part of the man on the street and also in semi-official circles that it might be only a matter of days" -- at that word the telephone line suddenly went dead. <sup>shut down on</sup> ~~It became known~~ The Greek ~~xxx~~ censor had ~~stopped~~ <sup>him.</sup> ~~communication:~~ ~~That of itself makes a significant bit of news.~~



ITALY

*Rome is*  
~~The Fascist Government has~~ protested <sup>ing</sup> against those

British bombing raids over Italy. ~~That~~ sounds a bit strange,

*with Britain!*  
considering Italy is at war ~~and thus considered fair game for~~

*Government today*  
~~bombers.~~ But, Mussolini's ~~men~~ protested not to Britain but to

*Such is*  
Switzerland. ~~That's~~ the unofficial report. The Fascist protest

that British planes should not have been allowed to fly

over Swiss territory without some attempt to stop them. And

it has been suggested that if these flights to Italy continue,

the Italian government may demand that the Swiss use their

anti-aircraft guns to fire at the British planes. Otherwise,

they'll be accused of giving passive help to the British.

In fact it is even hinted that this might be made an excuse

for Mussolini ~~to~~ claiming the privilege of <sup>setting</sup> ~~setting~~ up anti-

aircraft batteries in Switzerland for the protection of

*one imagines,*  
northern Italy. And that, ~~of course~~ would be merely the

prologue to the conquest of the Alpine Republic.

Another result of those apparently ~~quite effective~~

*on Milan and Turin*  
effective British raids is a decree ordering a general black-

out. Beginning tonight, ~~lights~~ <sup>black-</sup> out all over ~~Mussolini's~~ *the Black Shirt*

peninsula.

## CONSCRIPTION

Another military demand by the President moved another step toward approval by Congress. The House of Representatives today voted to give Mr. Roosevelt what he asked in respect to the National Guard, the right to call it out, plus the Reserves, if necessary. At the same time, the House specified that this should be done only in defense of our Western Hemisphere. The bill went through by a vote, of two hundred and ten to one hundred and ten.

The Senate had already okayed the idea; by a vote of seventy-one to seven. There are certain discrepancies between the Senate and the House version which have to be ironed out in conference. Then the law will need only the signature of the President.

WALLACE

*A luncheon*  
~~One of the visitors to~~ the White House today was  
Henry Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, *number two man*  
~~and President Roosevelt's~~  
~~running mate~~, on the Democratic ticket. ~~They had lunch together,~~  
and ~~as~~ the Secretary left he told newspaper men that he had  
left behind him a little letter. Later it became known that  
this letter was his resignation *from the Cabinet,*  
~~as Secretary of Agriculture,~~  
*to* which ~~will~~ be accepted at the discretion of the President.  
Presumably, ~~that means~~ August Twenty-ninth, ~~For~~ that is the  
day on which Wallace will make his speech accepting the  
vice-presidential ~~xxx~~ nomination at his home town, Des Moines,  
Iowa.

Wallace admitted that he ~~xxx~~ and the President had  
discussed the subject of his successor at the Department of  
Agriculture, about which he said the President will make an  
announcement in due course. Wallace carried with him a  
photograph signed, "For running mate Henry Wallace from running  
mate Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Now here's a companion story out of the White House  
which perhaps has nothing to do with the one I've just been  
telling. ~~Perhaps~~ another visitor at the White House *today* was Louis

Johnson, former Assistant Secretary of War. ~~As you will recall,~~  
Mr. Roosevelt had offered Johnson the job of special administrative  
assistant to the President with special charge of National Defense.

Johnson declined <sup>it.</sup> ~~that job.~~ As Johnson left the White House it  
was noticeable that he was beaming and exceedingly amiable.

~~And he~~ said ~~that~~ the President had offered him, to his  
astonishment, a new and quite attractive job, which came as an

utter surprise. <sup>Leading</sup> ~~That led the~~ observers to speculate <sup>on</sup> whether

that new and attractive job might not be a seat in the Cabinet.

With Wallace <sup>and Jim Farley resigning</sup> ~~resigning as soon as the campaign opens and Jim~~

~~Farley leaving the Post Office in September, Mr. Roosevelt~~

<sup>there will be two cabinet posts to fill.</sup>  
~~will have two vacancies in his cabinet to fill.~~

FLOODS

~~It is now known that no fewer than~~ <sup>At least</sup> thirty people <sup>have</sup> ~~died~~  
perished in the  
~~in these~~ floods throughout the five Southern states, North and

South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia. Thousands  
of people are huddled in refugee camps and, curiously enough,  
a great mass of them are from mountain towns which were among  
the principal sufferers from those cloudbursts. The damage

is well up into the millions. <sup>North Carolina hit</sup> ~~The worst sufferers are people~~

~~in North Carolina.~~ <sup>the hardest.</sup> (All day reports were pouring in, minute

by minute, to Governor Hoey in the executive mansion at  
Raleigh. Traffic both on railways and highways is described  
as paralyzed. In many parts of the state the water supply is  
polluted by the floods and people have been warned against  
drinking it.

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MULES

You may be interested to know that Uncle Sam is definitely in the life insurance business. But not on

human lives. <sup>W</sup>  
~~The old gent with the whiskers~~ <sup>is</sup> writing

policies on the lives of what do you suppose? Mules! <sup>Homer</sup>  
Croys Missouri Hard Tails.

There are three companies operating under the sponsorship of the Farm Security Administration. And the report from

Washington is that they <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ all doing a hot profitable

business. <sup>TH</sup> There's a new one: What business are you entering after <sup>you</sup> ~~the~~ graduate from Harvard? Why, I'm going to sell mule insurance!

TRAP

A motorist in Minneapolis got even with the police, and found it wasn't such a good idea. Like many other people who ~~xxx~~ have tried it, he learned that the police usually have the last word.

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That motorist is described in the wires as an oil company executive. Last week he was caught in a speed trap on the outskirts of Minneapolis, arrested and fined. On the ~~following~~ following day the constables in that suburb were puzzled. They didn't catch a single driver in that speed trap, everyone kept within the limits. So they investigated and there they found that oil company executive standing on the corner and shouting out to motorists to look out for the speed trap ahead. So the cops arrested him again and took him before a Justice of the Peace. The Justice gave him his choice Five days in x jail or to stand on that same street corner for three evenings this week with a megaphone and keep up his warnings. So there he stood last night and there he will stand again tomorrow night, yelling through his megaphone:- "Slow down, you're going too fast; Slow down,

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there's a speed trap ahead."

~~and~~ The police report there were no violations  
of the speed limit on that street last night.

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And that news item just  
naturally brings us to the subject  
of what is the best gasoline and  
what you should do when you  
have Nu-Blue Sunoco in your  
car. How about it Hugh?

To which Hugh should  
reply: - Let me answer, Lowell,  
by asking a question. etc.