

PACIFIC

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Sunset.

~~General~~ MacArthur's men have ^{made} ~~pulled off~~
another leap-frog ^{move} ~~operation~~ in Dutch New Guinea.
^{On the coast} ~~They have landed~~ at two points above the positions
they already hold at Hollandia. One, ~~of them is~~
twelve miles northwest of Hollandia. The other, ~~is~~
sixteen miles west of Tanahmerah Bay.

^{And, it's all} a complete success, ~~in~~ so far.
They met only light opposition and are expanding
westward, mopping up as they go. A spokesman for
MacArthur described this new ~~push~~ push as a
continuation of mopping up operations for the entire
area and he added that small bands of the enemy in
the surrounding districts are surrendering to our
patrols.

Admiral Nimitz reports that in his area
Army Liberators have dropped more than one thousand
five hundred pounds of bombs on Truk in the last
thirty days. They have also bombed other Jap
installations in the Marshall Islands.

We also ~~is~~ learn tonight that on ~~the~~
all the way
islands [^] from the Marshalls to New Guinea the Allied
forces have more than one hundred and fifty thousand
Japanese soldiers trapped and helpless. Entire
divisions of the Mikado's crack troops are cut off
from supplies, [^] on the verge of starving and ravaged
by disease.

BURMA

A British Imperial Army, we learn tonight, is within thirty-four miles of ^{Myitkyina.} ~~Kachin~~ ~~the~~ ^{an} army ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~made~~ composed of Kachin tribesmen led by British officers.

TR A bulletin from Mountbatten's headquarters declares that the Japs are in danger of a major strategic defeat in north Burma, ^{where} they have been counter-attacking violently but without any results.

In eastern India, at Kohima and Imphal, the fighting subsided somewhat. But in western Burma, the British have captured the high ground overlooking the important road by which they obtain their supplies. The Japs have also thrown a series of counter-attacks at General Stilwell's army. All ~~the attacks~~ were repelled.

CHINA

Allied fortunes are growing no better in China.

The Japanese have driven the Chinese away from almost the entire length of the railroad between Peiping and Hankow, from all but a strip ^{of some} fifty-three miles. ~~long~~ Several columns of the Mikado's troops are pushing west and north from that railroad. If they are not stopped, they will soon have entire possession of the rich Chinese coal fields in the center of the Province of Honan. What is more, they have but little distance to go to open a new overland supply route for their armies.

The German army has declared an entire province of Holland a prohibited zone, the Province of Zeeland. This covers both estuaries of the Scheldt River and also the approaches to Antwerp. The luckless inhabitants of that province may not use either the roadways or the waterways without a special license from the Nazis, and they must have written permission to leave the province. The Germans have already evacuated thousands of civilians from Zeeland, and flooded parts of it.

The inhabitants of all the regions on the invasion coast are suffering. In France and Belgium, the trains are running without time tables, and a journey which normally takes two hours, requires ten. One reason for this is that the railroad car factory which had been building trucks for the transport of tanks and heavy weapons, had to shut down. The Royal Air Force had destroyed the factory making the brakes.

German generals are making tours of inspection among the garrisons of the Atlantic coast, giving the soldiers pep talks.

According to an estimate by military experts in London, the Nazis have almost two million troops all the way from Norway down to southern France. ~~They have~~ Some hundred and fourteen divisions standing by, and most of them ~~are~~ ^{at} full strength. The greatest concentration, ~~is~~ in France and the Low Countries, where they have fifty infantry divisions, in addition to several divisions of panzers and grenadiers. There are five infantry divisions in Denmark, twelve in Norway, twenty-five in Italy, twelve in Jugoslavia, ten in Greece, Crete and the Dodecanese.

^{And then -}
Facing the Red Army and waiting for its next attack are a hundred and ninety-five ^{Nazi} divisions, on the eastern front.

SUBS

The Nazis today are claiming that their U-boats raised havoc with an Allied convoy near Bear Island, north of Norway. Radio Berlin broadcast a claim that the subs had sunk eight destroyers and escort vessels and torpedoed five merchant ships, totalling thirty thousand tons. The British Admiralty declined to make any comment.

ITALY

A dispatch from Italy indicates that when the invasion on the Western Front begins, the attack on the Italian front will be resumed. The Canadian divisions publish a snappy newspaper called MAPLE LEAF. An Editorial in the MAPLE LEAF today said: "The well known General Lull is in command of all European fronts." Then it adds: "From the trend of reports, it is not difficult to figure that General Lull will soon be relieved of his command and General Hell will take over and bust things wide open."

~~The MAPLE LEAF continues to say that "The gent~~
Now Roger, will you relieve
~~who frets about inaction should spend his time instead~~
me for a moment while I check
~~preparing for the next break. Many items guaranteed to~~
an item about 4 F's, and what
~~carry a new and greater unhappiness for the Nazi will~~
may happen to them.
~~certainly be uncovered ~~and in large quantities.~~~~

~~From Boston, Massachusetts, comes an~~

~~interesting piece of information about the~~ ~~commander of~~

MANPOWER

The army wants Congress to pass a bill forcing men, who have been graded 4-F, into labor battalions.

General Hershey appeared before the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate, and told the Senators that there are some three million, eight hundred thousand 4-Fs.

Of those, ten per cent are unfit for work, and possibly another fifteen per cent are so unfit that it would not pay the government to use them. The others, however, *said*

4-F,
should be inducted into the armed services and formed into labor battalions if they refuse to accept essential war jobs. (Under-Secretary of War Patterson backed up General Hershey, also the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and several Congressmen including Representative Claire Booth Luce of Connecticut.)

LABOR

The machinists in the San Francisco area continued to ~~disregard~~ ^{disregard} the War Labor Board. They have been ordered to keep repairs on not only Navy, ~~and~~ ^{but also on} Merchant Marine ships, ^{too,} even though it required them to work more than forty-eight hours a week.

The machinists in one-hundred-and-four shops held a meeting and decided they were standing pat no matter what the War Labor Board ordered.

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The police ~~investigation~~ ^{investigation} ~~was~~ ^{had been} ~~conducted~~ ^{conducted}

WARDS

Still another official of Montgomery Ward in Chicago was arrested today and removed from the premises.

This time ^{by} ~~it was~~ agents of the F.B.I. ~~who did it.~~

The assistant operating manager of the plant this morning walked into the lobby on the way to his office. There he noticed a placard dangling from one corner. So he took it down, ~~partly because it looked untidy and partly in order to read it and learn what rules he has to obey.~~ Before he had ~~even~~ had time to read it, he was ~~violently~~ grabbed by the three G-men, who hustled him off to the office of the ^{U. S.} ~~United States~~ Attorney and took his fingerprints. There he had to wait until somebody could find out what charges they could bring against him.

The notice ^{he had taken} ~~which he took~~ down had been ^{put} ~~pasted~~ up by deputy marshals, ~~They were~~ notifications to executives of Montgomery Ward, forbidding them to

dismiss any employees without approval of the Under-Secretary of Commerce. At the bottom of the poster, in large black letters, were the words, "This is the property of the United States."

The charge finally filed against the assistant manager was, "stealing, taking away and purloining for his own use property of the United States."

Later in the day, he was arraigned in court. His lawyer complained bitterly of the way the Montgomery Ward official was treated by the F.B.I.

COMMUNICATIONS

A committee of Senators is going to study the subject of international communications and outline a program. It ^{is} a sub-committee of the Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate and was appointed by Senator Wheeler of Montana, the Chairman.

Sen. Wheeler was asked about the government's plan to organize a merger of all channels of international communications. That would mean, of course, radio, ~~telegraph~~ telephone, telephone lines, telegraph cables. The government's plan is to have this ^{organized} ~~financed~~ by private capital, but to have on the board of directors a representative of the State Department, the Navy, and the Army. Opponents of the plan have suggested that this would be the beginning of government control of communication channels.

Wheeler said ~~that~~ the question of international communications ^{was a} ~~was~~ much bigger and far more vital

matter than most people suspect. ^{That} a definite American
policy is necessary. And, he added, that there is ample
evidence of the suppression or burying of vital
information in foreign communication centers. There is
also ample evidence that our newsmen have been unable to
get their stories to their papers in this country because
of alien control.

Sen. Wheeler pointed out also that the American
newspapers have to pay several times the rate per word
for correspondence that foreign press associations and
newspapers pay.

ROOSEVELT

took up the cudgels
~~was~~, today in behalf of the wife of Colonel James Roosevelt, son of the President. Early last month a cop picked her up for driving faster than the thirty-five-mile-an-hour limit. She was taken to court and paid a Ten Dollar fine.

Thereupon there was an attempt to have her gasoline coupons seized. *All of which* ~~They~~ *James* aroused the wrath of the police judge. Said he, Mrs. Roosevelt paid *her* fine for speeding, *and that was enough.* Then he added: "I am not a stool-*pigeon* ~~bird~~ for the O P A and they can't tell us how we shall enforce their rules." To which he added: "I am a hard-boiled Republican".

GASOLINE

In San Francisco it went hard today with a citizen ~~his~~ whose home investigators for the O P A found counterfeit gasoline coupons which could have been cashed in for three ~~xxx~~ million gallons of fuel. The court sentenced him to six years in the federal penitentiary plus a fine of Twenty Thousand Dollars.

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~~Here is the price story of the week, it comes from~~

~~Las Vegas, Nevada, a dairy company in Las Vegas,~~ ^{of that lively city}

to obey completely the rules for saving gasoline and tires converted ~~these~~ delivery wagons into horse drawn vehicles, using no rubber. They then notified their customers that instead of delivering four times a week, they would deliver every day.

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BABY

In the case of the baby boy at Los Angeles who turned out to be a girl, when his parents got him home, the Doctor who delivered the child gave an interesting explanation today. He said ~~that~~ his first glimpse of the infant was upside down and backwards. On the strength of that hasty glimpse he ~~explained~~ ^{exclaimed} to the nurses "it's a boy"! The nurses promptly galloped back to the Mother and Father ~~xxx~~ ^{a son and} and told them they had ~~an~~ heir. The Doctor explained today that ~~in~~ ^{all} ~~that~~ he had ~~an~~ ^{actually} ~~observed~~ observed about the child was that it had two hands and two feet. Then he went into a lot of technical details which are not interesting on the air, ^{but} which accounted for his having signed ~~the~~ ^a birth certificate describing the baby as a male.

The evidence in court might have become even more ~~interesting~~ ^{fascinating} if the trial had not been suddenly stopped. The lawyers announced that a settlement had been made out of court. According to both Father and Mother, they are delighted the affair is all over. *So is the baby.*

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In a rural court in Scotland, a defendant today was a peer of the realm, a Duke in fact. It was the Most Noble, the Duke of Argyll, Knight of the Garter, Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland, Master of King George's Household in Scotland, Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Argyllshire, Lord High Admiral of the Western Coasts and Isles.

And what, do you suppose, could bring a noble duke into a court as defendant? A charge of assault and battery, no less. The Duke of Argyll, himself seventy-two years of age, administered a beating to the Town Clerk of Inverary -- the Town Clerk being eighty-two years old.

The story is that the Town Clerk called on the Duke to discuss some matters of sanitation. The Duke said Good Morning -- shook hands -- and then squared off. He accused the Clerk of interfering with tenants on the ducal estates. According to the story, he worked himself up into a wrath,

beat the eighty-two year old Town Clerk on the legs with a cane, and landed a haymaker on his chest, pushed him against the wall and threatened to throw him into the lake Loch Fyne, in case you are interested in geography.

That is how the Duke became a defendant in the Sheriff's Court at the town of Dunoon. His Grace did not appear in person, but his solicitor appeared for him, pleaded guilty and apologized.

The sheriff remarked rather acidly that, though His Grace did not deign to appear in person, he had administered the beating in person, and had then taken seven weeks to make up his mind to apologize. However, as the Town Clerk of Inverary was not really injured, the sheriff thought the publicity would do His Grace more good than any punishment.

The court delivered some acid comments on the temper, manners and self-control of the noble Duke.
And now from noble Duke — let's turn to the noble Roger

Thurs. May 4 '44
Dropped from late

~~and~~ There is something that sounds like a real tip on ~~at least~~ a possible date for the invasion. Seasoned skippers who know the waters around the British Isles, say ~~that~~ the best time for shipping operations across the Channel or the North Sea is during the first fifteen days of June. As a rule, the tides, currents and winds are most favorable during those two weeks. This ~~is~~ ^{being} ~~not~~ not a prediction, just a statement of fact. There are fewer gales at that time of year. At the same time, June is one of the worst of all the twelve months for fog — and that might help.

War news from Europe is confined to air fighting.

Last night eight hundred Royal Air Force bombers dropped two thousand, two hundred and forty tons on Nazi stores

and fortifications in France. Today, ^{our} ~~United States~~

~~Fortresses~~ ^{Fortresses} ~~Flying Forts~~ and Liberators carried on the work. Their

Principal target was an airfield in Holland. Most of the

bombs dropped by the R.A.F. last night fell on a

concentration of Nazi tanks and trucks at Mailly. The

R.A.F. also attacked Nazi chemical works in the upper

Rhineland.

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Bombers based on Italy raided the railway yards at Bucharest.

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Even the Russian war news ^{again} deals almost exclusively with air raids. Some of the Soviet bombers went to Sevastopol to soften up the Nazi garrison ^{there} for a final assault.

On the ground, the Red Armies are reported to be

boring into the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains in Rumania. The fighting there has been sharp but not spectacular.

Secretary of War Stimson today made the statement that these Allied air raids are destroying Nazi communications faster than the Germans can mend them. The Secretary maintains that there is really substantial evidence that the German supply lines are growing weaker every day.

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if he had not been separated by some four thousand miles of Atlantic Ocean? Ah, well, maybe been. Marie Charles is the house when he's at home.

~~over~~ troops in Italy, Lieutenant General Mark Clark.

The information comes from Mrs. Clark. Somebody asked her whether she did ^{not} worry about her husband in Italy. Yes, she replied, often, but she has learned to keep her worries to herself. Once she wrote him a letter, asking him not to visit the front every day. General Clark replied in these words: ~~Max~~ "My dear; you turn the chops over on the stove and I'll run my army."

There is just one question I would like to ask -- Would General Clark have had the nerve to say that to ~~his missus~~ ^{his missus} if he had not been separated by some four thousand miles of Atlantic Ocean? Ah, well, maybe Gen. Mark Clark is the boss when he's at home.

STRIKE

Seventeen war production plants are idle in the
Detroit area, and four of the Ford ~~plants are idle~~ ^{plants are idle}

ⁱⁿ Canada. The reason, ~~is~~, another strike. And the men who
started ~~the strike~~ ^{it} are foremen, members of the Foremen's
Association of America.

When the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was established, we were told that it would not cost the people of the United States much. Today we have a figure. President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress today, asking for four hundred and fifty million dollars just as a starter. He also asked the lawmakers to authorize him to transfer three hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of supplies, services and funds which are available for Lend-Lease.

~~The White House today announced that Mr. Roosevelt made this request on the strength of an Act of Congress passed on March Twenty Eighth, authorizing the contribution of one billion, three hundred and fifty millions to the war relief program.~~