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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The big story from Berlin tonight is about Russia. The Nazis themselves ^{now} ~~throw a strong~~ hint that they are about to clear out from the entire territory ~~comprised~~ in the big bend of the Dnieper River. They ~~they~~

~~don't~~ say ~~it~~ outright; but, they gave a strong indication that they are evacuating the ^{region around} ~~place where~~ ~~Dnieperpetrovsk and the big dam.~~ ^{dam.} The tale is all ~~the Russians had that huge power dam.~~

the more probable because they are in gravest danger of being cut off, surrounded and either cut to pieces or captured, like their Sixth Army at Stalingrad.

They admit that the Reds ~~xxx~~ attacked them on a grand scale, some hundred miles north of Kiev, with eight divisions, somewhere in the neighborhood of

a hundred and twenty thousand men. Those eight divisions
are backed up by hundreds of tanks. There was
extraordinarily violent hand-to-hand fighting, so said
the Berlin radio, ^{today;} and the Soviet forces punched a hole
in the Nazi line, ^{hole} two and-a-half miles wide. Fighting
still is going on, ^{with} ~~because~~ the Germans rushed ^{ing} large
reinforcements, ~~to that part of the line.~~

The Nazis further admitted that the lower end
of the Dnieper line is crumbling. The Russians have
achieved a deep penetration into the area around
Melitopol; and the situation there, according to the
German account, is increasingly difficult.

~~Dispatches from the Soviet front report~~
~~that the Red army in the Dnieper bend has pushed ahead~~
~~more than a third of the way across it.~~ The report that
^{the Germans} ~~they~~ are evacuating the big bend of the Dnieper comes
in a dispatch from Berlin, relayed through Sweden.

The official newspaper PRAVDA reports that the fighting on the west bank of the Dnieper is more intense and ferocious than any engagement that has happened since the relief of Stalingrad. At one point the Nazis counter-attacked twenty-eight times, and one village changed hands six times in the course of a few days. The air operations of the Red army are reported to have reached tremendous proportions.

But, the Russians have not yet completely thrown the Germans out of Melitopol. The Nazis shifted a number of divisions of reserves and counter-attacked fiercely right in the heart of the city.

ADD RUSSIA

Later in the day, the tide of war went better for ^{the Russians} ~~our side~~ at Melitopol. They ~~Russians~~ finally succeeded in clearing the Germans out of the center of the city, and ~~they~~ ^{say they} now have them isolated and surrounded in the north.

HULL

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations took a step today to strengthen the hand of Secretary Hull in his negotiations with the Soviet Foreign Office in Moscow. The Committee approved a resolution in favor of letting the United States collaborate with other countries ^{in forming} a new League of Nations. The Committee approved ^{this} by an overwhelming majority, ^{of} twenty to two,

The resolution reads that "the United States, acting through constitutional processes, shall join with free and sovereign nations in the establishment and maintenance of international authority, with power to prevent aggression and to preserve the peace of the world." ^{Which sounds like} ~~As you will observe, that is just~~ another League of Nations described in different terms.

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida tried to make it stronger. He offered an amendment which would put the Senate on record as being in favor of an

international police force. But that was voted down, sixteen to five.

The only two Senators in the Committee to vote against ~~it~~ ^{the League of Nations resolution} were Johnson of California, the die-hard isolationist, and LaFollette of Wisconsin.

On the motion of Senator Tom Connally of Texas, the Chairman of the Committee, the resolution will be publicly debated on the floor of the Senate next Monday.

Which is taken as a clear indication that the Administration has no objection to having a full-dress debate on foreign policy while Secretary Hull is in Moscow.

INVASION

In Italy, the British Eighth Army today swung inland from the Adriatic, ^{heading toward Rome.} ~~shore and marched westward~~

^{In doing this} ~~toward Rome~~ General Montgomery's men drove the Nazis out of two strategic towns, and advanced seven miles.

They are now not far from the ^{point right} ~~town~~ in the center of Italy which the Nazis have made the inland anchor of their new line.

In other words, the British Eighth Army is ^{with} ~~on~~ ^{way} ~~about~~ to join forces with General Clark's Fifth Army.

~~It will be a slow meeting, but the progress is sure.~~

~~The United States~~ ^{The} Fifth Army has been occupied ^{during the past few days} ~~principally~~ in bringing up supplies and reinforcements,

and consolidating its position. The supplies have to be carried across innumerable irrigation ditches and canals which form a network on the Volturno plain.

British and American engineers have been on the job twenty-four hours a day building bridges and roadways.

strong enough to hold tanks, trucks and heavy guns.

The Germans have been giving ground ~~very~~ slowly and, according to reports from our side, withdrawing in good order and following the scorched earth policy. ~~They~~

leave^{ing} nothing that might be of the slightest help to the advancing Allies. The Nazi heavy artillery is still strongly entrenched on the slopes of Mt. Massico; ~~it is~~ well hidden in thick vegetation and doing a lot of damage.

In Washington, Secretary Stimson gave out *the latest* casualty figures. Our losses in Italy up to the beginning of the Battle of the Volturno were eight ~~thousand~~ hundred and seventy-nine men killed, three thousand and forty-seven wounded, two thousand, eight hundred and forty-eight missing, [—] for a total of six thousand, seven hundred and seventy-four. [^] *also* The Secretary of War partially confirmed a story from Europe that the Nazis are moving many divisions into Italy in the hope of

sweeping the Allies into the sea. But ^{Sec.}~~Colonel~~ Stimson did not admit that they were as numerous as reported in the story we heard two days ago. He merely said that German reinforcements have arrived from northern Italy and that more German troops are being moved in from other countries.

A new frontal attack on the German defense line will begin at any moment, as soon as General Clark has finished consolidating his gains and made a new concentration of forces on the Volturno plain. He has assembled a vast amount of supplies of all kinds.

ADRIATIC

One thing the Nazis have lost is control of the Adriatic; and ~~if they~~ ^{they -- and we --} have the Jugoslavs to thank for that. ^{Jugoslav guerillas} They now dominate the entire east coast of Croatic and Dalmatia, all the way south from Fiume.

Of course they could not have accomplished this without the help of King George's Navy.

Henry Gorrell of the United Press was landed by a destroyer somewhere on the shore of Croatia and met officers of one of the Jugoslav armies ^{who} ~~They~~ showed him ~~Gorrell~~ on their maps how they had captured the islands off the coast and completely cut off the Germans in the north from the Axis forces in Albania. ^{Also -} The Jugoslavs now have sea forces of their own. ^{And,} Supplies of food and munitions are getting through to them in small merchant vessels. These are operating under the protection of the Allied air force and British men-o-war. The Partisan army under General Tito now amounts to

three hundred thousand soldiers; ^{said to be} ~~They are~~ men of all

political ^{colors. And,} ~~denominations. They are~~ desperate, quite

reckless ^{men, who will do anything to drive} ~~of their own lives in order to harm the~~

out the Germans.

AIR WAR

Three days ago, we were told that the possession of airfields in Italy has put the Allies in an ideal position for bombing cities in south Germany. Vienna and Munich, Dresden and Leipzig were mentioned as among those that would be hit. And Leipzig was the one.

The Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force dispatched some three hundred and fifty planes to that great city ~~of~~ ^{where} Saxony, [^] They dropped more than a thousand tons of bombs and hit airplane factories, ^{and} [^] munition factories; ~~metal~~ ^{metal}, ^{and} [^] textile, ^{and} [^] chemical works, ^{also} [^] places where the Germans have been making precision instruments, rubber and leather munitions of war. They also hit the ^{handsome} [^] Leipzig railway station, the largest in Europe, with its three great freight yards. ^{TP} A lot of the factories that had been bombed out of western Germany had been removed to Leipzig.

While ^{all} [^] that was going on, a large force of those

rocket-like mosquito bombers made another attack on Berlin. This, ~~was~~ partly to divert the attention of the German air force and ~~is~~ partly to take another crack at the shattered nerves of the people of Berlin.

Last night's visit to Leipzig was the first since November, Nineteen Forty.

Which ~~which~~ bears out last Monday's story that the Allies have been accumulating a huge force of planes and supplies on ~~the~~ Italian airfields.

COAL

The coal mine operators in the Appalachian district made a new offer to the War Labor Board in an effort to settle the argument with the miners. Their offer was for a seven and a half hour work-day and an increase of eighty-eight cents a day for every miner. This differs considerably from the agreement between the operators and miners in Illinois, which calls for an eight and a half hour day and an increase of a dollar and seventy-five cents a day. The War Labor Board has not yet approved that agreement. The Appalachian mine operators declare that such an increase is unreasonable and would not result in any appreciable increase in the output of coal.

BROWN

~~We shall soon have a new head in command of our~~
~~nations.~~ Former Senator Prentiss ~~M~~ Brown resigned
today as Price Administrator. He sent in his letter
of resignation on Tuesday, a letter six pages long. *In it*
He informed the President that the work of price control
was now pretty well set. The principal problem from
now on, he said, was mostly administrative.

However, he told the President further that
there are still two vital issues ahead. One is the
question of whether food subsidies are to be continued
or not, a question that has always aroused the hottest
kind of arguing in Congress. The other issue is
whether price control shall be renewed next year when
the present law expires.

The new Administrator will be Chester Bowles,
formerly an advertising man and at present general manager

of O.P.A. His appointment may be announced at any moment. ^R President Roosevelt did not accept Brown's resignation until today. His letter was referred to James F. Byrnes, Director of War Mobilization, and this morning Byrnes and Brown consulted with the President at the White House.

Another thing Brown told the President was that at first it was exceedingly difficult to get American business men to accept control. Now, however, it is becoming easier, evidently ^{they} ~~we~~ are becoming resigned to it.

In his letter accepting Brown's resignation, President Roosevelt congratulated him on the excellent work he had done. He said he executed a difficult task with intelligence, and, above all with courage.

FEED

The people of the thirteen northeastern states will most probably have to go on short rations on not only milk but eggs, before long. This warning was conveyed in a report of the New York State Emergency Food Commission to Governor Dewey. The cause of the New England shortage is a lack of food stocks for cows and hens.

The New York Emergency Food Commission points out that the health of some forty million people will seriously suffer as a result. The only way of keeping up the production of cows and poultry will be to provide a supply of fifteen million bushels of grain a month from now until next April. If that cannot be done, the eastern states will have to make plans for the orderly liquidation of poultry flocks and dairy cattle. Meaning, that they will have to be slaughtered

gradually so that they may be used for food and not just butchered indiscriminately and dumped on the market. If that is done, milk and eggs will have to be rationed so sharply that they will be available only for the very young, the very old, and the sick.

Governor Dewey gave instructions that seven representatives of the Food Commission should travel to the corn producing states of the middlewest and investigate whether there is any possibility of obtaining a proper supply of feed for the farmers of New York State. The Commission makes the charge that the War Food Administration has failed to make any provisions for a proper winter feed supply for milking cows and laying hens in the northeast.

HATS

If our women-folk ever get to the point of copying London fashions, they will be wearing tennis balls on their heads. Old, used tennis balls, ~~of course.~~ ~~It would hardly be safe for any woman to go aboard in the streets with her head adorned by good ones. Think how quickly they would be snatched by some ardent tennis-playing youth.~~

The balls are painted pink by preference, though doubtless you can pick your own color. Some of the fashionable dames on Bond Street wear the tennis balls along with ostrich plumes and fringes off old footstools which they bought in junk-shops.

MARIGNY

There was considerable laughter in that courtroom in Nassau where Count Alfred deMarigny is being tried on a charge of having murdered his father-in-law. A doctor was on the witness stand testifying about his examination of the body of Sir Harry Oakes. Counsel were trying to establish whether an attempt was made to burn Sir Harry after he had been struck unconscious and his skull fractured, or before. The doctor replied that, in his opinion, the body did not move after the blows were struck. Then the judge asked how long it would have taken a normal, healthy person to die. The doctor replied that naturally, a normal, healthy person does not die. The courtroom fairly rocked with laughter, including the bench.

~~After the comedy feature of the trial had ended, the coroner testified that the multimillionaire victim~~

~~had been murdered between one thirty and three thirty~~

~~on the morning of July Eighth.~~ Soon after that, a

pretty young woman stepped onto the stand, the wife

of a captain in the Royal Air Force. She gave testimony

that at twenty minutes past one on the morning of

^{1/2} ~~— he was murdered between 1:30 + 3:30 -- at 1:20~~
July Eighth, ¹ she had said good-bye to Alfred deMarigny,

^a ~~just~~ ¹ half a mile from Sir Harry Oakes's villa. While

she was talking, the French Count stood up in the

prisoners' dock and listened most attentively. One

moment, while she paused, he winked at her in full view

of everybody. What did that wink

mean? I'm sure I don't know!

Do you, Hugh?