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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight's news from Russia is what you might call ^{both ways,} ~~two-faced, good and bad~~. The Red Army is in the outskirts of Kharkov; but, the Germans ~~down~~ in the Crimea, are in Kerch. ^{TP} Naturally, the reports from Moscow are making the most of the Kharkov news, a tremendous army of nearly a million fighting men, ~~is~~ rushing through blazing villages, pushing ahead over roads and over fields that are littered with the bodies of dead Germans. ^{TP} They announce officially that they have retaken more than three hundred villages, towns and settlements from the Nazis, many of them set afire by the Germans when they left. Broken German tanks, guns and equipment line the Russian advance. They go so

far as to claim that Hitler's divisions ^{around} ~~along~~ Kharkov
are literally broken; and, they say ~~that~~ the Nazis made a
desperate attempt to stop the rout by dropping parachute
troops behind the Soviet line^s. But ^{that} the parachutists were
picked off by sharpshooters before they even reached the
ground.

This was the seventh day of Marshal Timoshenko's
attack on Kharkov, and the Soviet high command claims
~~that~~ the big city ~~full~~ of factories is being encircled.
Parts of it have been set in flames by cannon fire.

^{TP} Officially, the Russians proclaim that they have forged
ahead more than forty miles, ^{Using} ~~in some sectors.~~ They
~~blasted the way for their troops with~~ a fleet of more
than two thousand tanks, ^{to blast a way for their troops,} Some of them are brand new
fifty-ton land battleships, some of them American triple
turret tanks, and there are whole squadrons of
Stormovik ^(cannon) ~~cabin~~ planes.

The Nazis make light of that Russian communique.

Berlin insists
~~They stick to it that~~ the German Army has repulsed the Soviet attacks which they admit ~~to~~ have been heavy.

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Nazis
And they say they destroyed no fewer than three hundred and twenty-four of those Russian tanks in the Battle of Kharkov.

But the principal Nazi crowing is on the subject of Kerch. There, they say, ~~that~~ the remnant of the ~~defeated~~ defeated Red Army is threatened with annihilation. [#] The Russians admit ~~that~~ they are making a last stand on the shore of the Strait that separates the Kerch peninsula from the Caucasus. London has reports that the Nazis have ^{taken} nearly all of Kerch but ^{that} a fierce battle is raging in the streets of the ^{Crimean} city. itself.

PRINCE EUGENE

There was a running sea battle in the waters off the southwest coast of Norway last night, quite an exciting affair. The center of it, was Hitler's formidable ten thousand ton cruiser, the much talked about PRINCE EUGENE. ~~The cruiser is~~ One of the most important units of Hitler's Navy, ^{for some time an} and ~~has been the~~ object of keenest attention from the Royal Air Force.

The last time we heard of her was on that sensational ^{dash through} ~~running through~~ the English Channel with the SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU. ^{At that time} The PRINCE EUGENE was badly damaged by a torpedo from a British submarine and had to take refuge in the Norwegian port of Trondheim.

Well, Last night she was trying to escape ^{to a port in Germany} moving ~~xx~~ south with an escort of four destroyers. R.A.F. bombers came upon her and that brought ^{about} the running fight through ^{with German planes flying to the rescue. Again} those northern waters. The British hit the PRINCE EUGENE, ^{this time - maybe} with two aerial torpedoes, ~~probably even~~ three.

American made
Meanwhile, a squad of Hudson bombers attacked the
destroyers.

The British Air Ministry admits that nine British
planes were shot down and five German fighters. The Air
Ministry declares that a photograph of the PRINCE EUGENE
after the fight, shows her to have been ~~definitely~~
crippled, so badly that she will be in drydock for many
months.

HOLLAND

American newspapermen who have reached Lisbon after being interned in Germany, declare that no fewer than ^{hundred} four thousand people in Europe have been shot by Nazi firing squads. And that Hitler and his bandits have taken from the defeated countries cash and goods to the value of thirty-six billions of dollars. That for instance, the Nazis now own forty-nine percent of the stock of all industries in France.

OFFENSIVE

A story from Washington corroborates the remarks made last night by Sir Stafford Cripps, Lord Privy Seal of the British Cabinet. On Saturday night, Prime Minister Churchill told Britain that, though we have not yet topped the ridge that separates us from the road to victory, the ridge is in sight. Cripps ^{now} ~~last night~~ ^S announced ^I that the time is at hand when we must prepare to take the offensive. The story from Washington reports that we, the United States, are approaching the date for a major offensive, especially against the Japanese in the Pacific.

A.E.F.

Here's a late communique from the War Department, fresh off the wire. ~~It is of particular interest in relation to that story from Washington.~~ One of the largest convoys that ever crossed the Atlantic Ocean has just made a successful landing in northern Ireland. Thousands upon thousands of American doughboys have been disembarked at a port in northern Ireland. It is described as being far and away the largest contingent from ~~in~~ the United States that was ever landed in the British Isles. They say the convoy was quite the biggest ever seen on any ocean throughout this entire war. It brought not only soldiers but equipment, both light and heavy. The Yanks took with them tanks, trucks, jeeps, gun-carriers, and even heavy guns. The War Department gave no figure, but admitted that the number of troops is substantially larger than any previous contingents and that it includes tank units.

BURMA

Fairly cheerful news about Burma continues to come out of Chungking -- headquarters of Chiang Kai-shek. The Chinese claim their forces have completely annihilated what was left of that Japanese mobile column that advanced into China north of the Burma Road. The Chinese, they say, wiped the Japanese out in a five-day battle forty miles inside the frontier of Yunnan.

East of that battleline on the Burma Road, the Chinese are holding out against constant and heavy attacks by the Japanese ^{along} ~~the~~ the Mekong River. They also maintain that they are still resisting on the Salween River. The leaders of the Chinese are said to be much encouraged by their victories in western Yunnan, but they are anxious about Kungming, the terminus of the Burma Road. They are waiting for a Japanese attack there at any moment.

Tokyo today claims however that the Japanese along the Chindwin River are only three and a half miles from the frontier of India, but the British deny it.

FLIERS

From Australia we have a vivid account of a fight between American fliers and a flight of Japanese Navy Zero fighters. The American force consisted of three bombers and the men at the controls were ^{lads characteristically} ~~fellows~~ named Hap Jolly, Bud Flint and George Kahle.

Hap Jolly, the oldest of the three, is twenty-five. They were trying to carry out a raid on Japanese ships in the harbor of Rabaul in New Britain. But before they could reach their objective, ~~seventeen~~ ^{popped} enemy fighters ~~came~~ ^{popped} up to attack them. Pilot Hap Jolly used these words in describing the ^{air} ~~dog~~ fight that occurred when one Zero flew between Jolly's bomber and George Kahle's:- "Streaks of tracer bullets from both bombers riddled the Jap, and two great columns of black smoke squirted from both sides of his engine as he spun down to the sea. My gunner," continues Hap Jolly, "then caught another Zero, which turned over. I saw the pilot's ~~body~~ crash into the sea

with his parachute unopened." Meanwhile, three more Zeros were bagged by the gunner on the American ship piloted by twenty-two year old Bud Flint. ^{Thus} ~~So~~ in two minutes the Americans had five Japanese planes.

George Kahle then added this to the description:

"My co-pilot, Carl King, had a toothbrush in his mouth -- don't ask me why. When we started to fight, he forgot to take it out, and it was the funniest thing watching him during the action, trying excitedly to point out the Japs -- with his mouth full of bristle."

^{in his big plane,}
Kahle's ~~bomber~~ had a Greek bombardier named

Lou Skeadus. ^{who} ~~And he~~ got so excited ~~that~~ he started to shout ^{ing} instructions in Greek. ^{as} Kahle ^{put it:} ~~went on to say:-~~

"Lou got our sixth victim in three minutes, then his guns caught fire and the plane was full of smoke.

^{Whereupon}
The inter-phones were full of a mixture of Greek and broken English."

When the air battle was all over, seven out of seventeen Jap Zero planes had been destroyed. All of the American planes got back to their base.

BULKLEY

The Navy's motor torpedo boats of the kind used by ~~heroic~~ Lieutenant John Bulkley, are one of the most effective craft ever built in any country. They impressed the Japanese in such fashion that Tokyo broadcast a statement that America has developed a new secret weapon, "a monster with flapping wings which makes a lot of noise and fires torpedoes in all directions.

This came out at a conference between reporters and the ^{now} famous Lieutenant John Bulkley himself. He showed the newspapermen a letter he had received from the Chief of Staff, ~~z~~ Rear Admiral Rockwell, shortly after his motor boat had shot down five dive bombers. The letter read:- "Dear Bulkley:- I really think your gang is getting too tough. The latest report is that three dive bombers were seen over Marrison's ^e Mountain in Batan, _^ chased by a motor torpedo boat." And then it adds:

"Don't you think that is carrying this war a bit too far!"

The spectacular Lieutenant explained that the boats made such a noise that the Japanese mistook the roaring motors for airplanes. He went on to relate that during his raid on Subic, the first time those M.T.B's were mentioned, the Japanese batteries on shore kept up a constant fire. "But," said Bulkley, "they kept firing over our heads and over each other. And they must have been hitting each other because they kept getting madder and madder and shooting faster and faster."

(The P.T. boats, as they are called, are remarkably seaworthy even in the stormiest waves. That was proved when General Douglas MacArthur was leaving the Philippines for Australia.) And Bulkley added that the Japanese did not get a single direct hit on any of the torpedo boats in the Philippines with anything larger than a machine gun.

PANAMA

Uncle Sam ^{to} ~~will~~ take over the defense installations
of the Republic of Panama. This ^{to} ~~will~~ be done by peaceful
and friendly arrangement. ^{an} ~~The~~ agreement has ^{already} been signed
but has to be ratified by Congress and by the National
Assembly of the Republic of Panama. ^{the idea being for the} ~~It allows the United~~
^{U.S.} ~~states~~ Army to occupy and develop defense areas in
Panama; ~~as~~ gun emplacements, airplane detector stations,
bombing ranges and auxiliary airfields. The most
important of these is one some eighty miles to the
southwest of the Canal. The ~~main~~ purpose of ^{all this} ~~the treaty~~
^{of course,} ~~it~~ ~~was to make it possible for us~~ to make the canal more
secure.

GASOLINE

The problem of oil and gasoline in the Eastern states took on a new ^{front} ~~aspect~~ today when President Roosevelt himself took a hand in it. He brought it up at the weekly conference with leaders of Congress at the White House this morning. ^{The President} ~~He~~ has ordered a completely new study of the situation.

Some of the congressional leaders brought up again the proposal to build pipelines across the continent from the oilfields. A year ago, that project was all set, plans made, money subscribed and everything, with the approval of Oil Coordinator Ickes. But that ^e ~~that~~ idea was killed by the Office of Production Management because it would have required ~~xxxxxxxx~~ too much steel. Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the Democratic leader, told reports ^{and} ~~to~~ today, after the White House conference, that congressmen had been given to understand ~~that~~ there is a lot of idle pipe in the oil districts of the southwest

which could be used for a pipeline, and that pipes ~~xxxx~~ could be taken from existing lines which are not so necessary and used for this monster line to the east.

Another proposal for relieving the shortage is the use of large numbers of inland waterway barges. ^{and} That ₁ revives the proposal to dig the barge canal across Florida. The Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House today began discussing a bill to authorize that canal.

~~Of course~~ ^{None} of the schemes proposed could be put into action immediately. It would take a year to build a pipeline, and nine months to build ^{Florida} ~~that~~ ₁ barge canal.

BASEBALL

The most drastic effect of the new dim-out regulations in the East will be on baseball fans. *That is,* No night baseball ~~is the result, that is,~~ in any towns or cities near the Atlantic coast. ~~And that~~ in spite of what President ^Roosevelt said a few months ago.

Police Commissioner ~~Lewis~~ Valentine of New York recently appointed a committee of five ~~men~~ to study the whole question of lights. They examined the effects of the huge banks of floodlights used in baseball parks, the reflections from those floodlights on the clouds overhead. Their report was due today, and the result is an order from the Police Commissioner. Night baseball in New York City and the whole metropolitan area is out for the duration. *Presumably* ~~Unquestionably~~ the same ruling will be applied to all other cities and ~~and all smaller~~ towns *anywhere* near the ~~waterfront,~~ *coast, where* ~~close enough to it~~ ^{so that the} reflections from lighted ball parks upon the clouds can be seen from ships out at sea.

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL

These are thrilling days in American colleges and universities, thrilling because so many thousands of young men upon receiving their diplomas are going straight into our armed forces, or into defense work. Within a short time they will be scattered all over the face of the earth, from the Mountains of Alaska to the Mountains of the Moon in Africa, and even to the ^{Far}Himalayas; from the ^{Amazonian} jungles of Equatorial South America to the almost unexplored tropical wilderness of North Australia; and from Iceland to Madagascar.

These young men are going out with high ideals, determined to do their job -- the fighting end of it -- and then set about ^{that} ~~an~~ even more ^{safer} difficult task of making this a ¹ better world.

I was reminded of this today in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at Franklin and Marshall College, where

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they have just installed Theodore Distler as
the new President, at the One hundred and Fifty-
fifth commencement of this institution that goes
back to the days of Benjamin Franklin and John
Marshall.

An impressive part of their final
ceremony is the handing of a torch down the rows
of graduates from one young man to another, as a
reminder of the motto of their college, a reminder
that goes appropriately with those two names,
Franklin And Marshall. The motto is Lux et
lix -- light and law.

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And now Hugh how about a little light
from you? Let me hand you our Sunoco torch?