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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~Ever since the Moscow conference, we've been expecting news.~~ Ever since the meeting of the Foreign Ministers at Moscow we've been hearing predictions and conjectures about the forthcoming conference of the chiefs of the three powers, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin. Naturally, nothing definite could be announced, as the place of the meeting had to be kept secret.

are informed from foreign sources
Tonight we ~~learn~~ that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have been in Cairo for several days. And travelers from the Middle East report that Premier Stalin is at ^rTehran, the capital of Persia. Both these stories come through London from

Lisbon. As they had to be approved by the British censorship, it may be assumed that they are authentic.

And in view of the censorship, it may be assumed that the conference is already over, and that it took place in Teheran, the capitol of Persia--Iran. Obviously It was necessary that it should be held in some neutral spot; and Teheran the capitol of Persia seemed logical.

Berlin reports that the chiefs of state of the big three are meeting now, at this moment. But every time President Roosevelt met Churchill before, the serc was held successfully until they were safely at home.

One thing we have been told definitely, is that the result of this conference would rock the world, at any rate rock Germany and Japan. We hope, we hope!

The peace rumors that have been set afoot all over the world are a natural consequence of last week's devastating raids on Berlin; also of the visit of Hitler's arch Ambassador Franz von Papen, to the Vatican. Secretary Hull today declared all the peace rumors to be

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absolutely and entirely false. He said they were obviously ~~and~~ inspired and circulated by the enemy in the hope of creating over-confidence among the Allies and impairing the war effort. The secretary then used these words: "I think I would be safe in authorizing you to quote me entirely in the negative about such rumors, at every day's press conference, until I notify you to the contrary.

ITALY

In Italy, the British Eighth Army has broken through the defenses of the enemy on the Adriatic side of the peninsula. General Montgomery's men have pushed their way fourteen miles inland in the face of desperate resistance from Nazi infantry, supported by tanks and flame throwers. This has enabled them to throw a new bridgehead across the Anchio River.

RUSSIA

The most exciting theatre of war today is in White Russia, where that army of retreating Nazis is reported to be a quarter of a million strong. With Stalin's troops storming after them.

There is only a narrow corridor of land through which they can now escape.

The Germans are again busy blowing up bridges, and sowing mines. Also abandoning huge quantities of heavy equipment. To slow down the pursuing army of General Rokossovsky.

The British radio reports that one army column is only twelve miles from Zhlobin, which is

one of the four major points on the ~~the~~ Gomel front. *Also*

that
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The Soviet forces are so far ahead that their artillery is within shelling range of all four German strongholds. If the Nazis cannot reach Zhlobin before the Russians, they will be completely encircled. ~~and~~

are hurrying
Two ~~xxxx~~ Red Armies ~~are forging ahead~~ toward that city, one from the northeast and one from the southwest, in a pincers movement.)

↘ Still another Soviet column is pushing up along the railroad from Gomel to Minsk. ~~If the Germans can escape from the trap that has been prepared for them at Zhlobin, they will have to fall back on Bobruisk, thirty seven miles to the northwest.~~

The German high command admits the danger. Radio Berlin reports ~~ing~~ that the pressure of the Russians is so strong ~~that~~ it is exacting supreme efforts from the Nazi troops.

The Eighth Air Force of Uncle Sam's Army *has just* followed up last week's exploits ~~of the British R.A.F.~~ with another air raid over Germany. ~~This was~~ *The* tenth sortie that our Flying Fortresses ^{*have*} executed in the month of November. ^{*TP*} Our high command does not tell us where the giant bombers went; but, it was somewhere in western Germany. Beginning at three o'clock this afternoon, Central European Time, all the radios were stopped in that part of the world, including Radio Berlin. It was a strong raid but not as big as last Friday's, when the Forts blasted Bremen.

They had hard weather to fight, so cold that the spare oxygen bottles froze, ~~x~~ and the big bombers were covered with ice when they returned.

AIR WAR

For the second time in three days our giant bombers from the Eighth Air Force of Uncle Sam's Army have raided the great Nazi port of Bremen. There was terror all over western Germany when the radio stations went off the air this afternoon — in all big cities including Berlin. ^{Hitler's} ~~the~~ subjects ~~of Fuhrer Hitler~~ ^{evidently} thought their ^{Nazi} ~~great~~ capital was due for an American daylight attack to follow last week's devastating visits from the Royal Air Force. But as it turned out, Bremen was the target.

~~It is by no means impossible that the~~

^{TP} But, the

^{TP} R.A.F. may be smashing at Berlin again tonight, for all the German controlled radios are still off the air. ^{TP} That American raid on Bremen was carried out under the most difficult conditions. All the spare oxygen bottles froze and when the big bombers returned they were covered with ice. In spite of that our Flying Fortresses ^{and their escort of Lightnings and Thunderbolts} shot down ~~35~~ German interceptor planes, ^{and} ~~They had an escort of Thunderbolts~~ and ~~Lightnings and they shot down fifteen of the~~

~~was~~ while ~~xxx~~ British fighters ^{bagged} ~~shot down~~ five
of the enemy. In short, our total bag of enemy
planes ~~xx~~ was forty.

SECRET WEAPON

Every now and then we hear from Germany loud boasts of new secret weapons ~~xx~~ with which the Nazis will annihilate us all. On the Allied side we haven't talked much about that, but today the chief of the Bureau of Ordnance said that we in this country have developed new weapons which will rank as much or higher than the German radio controlled bomb and the acoustic-homing torpedo. It cannot be told what they are at present. But when the truth is known, one or two of the developments of Uncle Sam's Navy will be called romances of sciences. ^{It} The chief of Ordnance declared that we are now using a development which once upon a time was declared impossible by foreign scientists. What is more, hundreds of new devices are being developed. Some of them are improvements on existing gadgets, others will be quite revolutionary.

If ever any of them are captured by Axis forces, the public will be told about them. But at present they must be kept a strict secret.

HITLER

Another little item from Adolf Hitler.

We have news today of a speech that he made nine days ago, a speech to twenty thousand officer candidates of the German army. ^{In it he} ~~He~~ took the occasion to warn Germans that they had just one choice, victory or destruction. The nation which loses, said the Fuehrer, will have ended its existence. "It is madness to expect anything else," he added, "from this battle."

^{Just about} ~~It seems to be~~ the gloomiest speech ever made by the man who launched this war. ~~He~~ ^{Hitler} told the faithful that Providence is making no gift to the German nation in the struggle. They have to fight for everything. And he added that even the last German soldier must be imbued with the conviction that it cannot be ended except in victory. ~~It is~~ ^A struggle for the existence or non-existence of the German nation, ~~said he~~.

And ~~this fellow who started the war, once again~~
then, once again he
had the nerve to ~~repeat his ancient pretense, that it~~
tell them it
was we of the Allies who wanted the war.

PACIFIC

In the war in the Pacific, the spotlight tonight is on New Guinea again. MacArthur reports that the hard-hitting Australians are pushing the Japs again. Those lanky, lean soldiers from "Down Under" have cut their way through the jungle to a point where they are threatening the Japanese. Advancing from the South they are closing in on a place called Bonga. If that were in civilized territory we might call it a railroad junction or a highway junction. But in the Papuan forest a trail takes the place of a railroad, or, a highway. And so Bonga is important because it's a junction point of several trails. The most important of which runs to a Jap stronghold inland.

Meanwhile, U. S. and Australian bombers once more have been raiding the big New Guinea Port of Wewak.

And Admiral Halsey reports that ~~our~~
Liberator^s ~~bombers~~ swooped down over Rabaul, on New
Britain, ~~Island~~ Saturday night, bombed a cargo vessel
damaged a destroyer and hit a second Jap destroyer.

Also our
Adm. ~~our~~ planes of all sizes and descriptions^s
from Halsey's command raided enemy points in the
Solomons. They attacked the Green Islands north of
Bougainville, and *dropped a* ~~about~~ hundred and fifty tons of
bombs at widely separated points on Bougainville
itself. Halsey reports that they ~~made~~ met with
~~very~~ little enemy resistance. ~~Just~~ One American
fighter ~~was~~ shot down by Japanese anti-aircraft
fire.

CANNON BOMBER FOLLOW PACIFIC

We have heard a lot of boasts from Germany of new secret weapons with which the Nazi will ~~annihilate~~ annihilate us any minute. Today, the Chief of the bureau of Ordnance of Uncle Sam's Navy reported that we've been inventing and developing *quite a few things too. Perhaps ~~some gadgets of our own that are going to make those~~ outdoing the Nazis.* ~~Nazi boasts sound pretty sick. Naturally,~~ Nothing can be told about most of them ~~or they would be~~ *se until they no* longer ~~be~~ ^{are} secret weapons. But the Chief of Ordnance says that when the truth is known, some of them will be called romances of science.

~~And~~ Tonight the War Department describes a new combination which the Army has developed, *and* ~~it has been~~ tried out in *Australasia, somewhere,* ~~the theater of war down~~ ~~under~~ It sounds quite simple. What it amounts to is the installation in a B-Twenty-five Billy Mitchell Medium bomber plane of a rapid fire seventy-five millimeter cannon. ~~The idea sounds revolutionary.~~ *Southwest* ~~and~~ after trying it out in the ~~Pacific theater of~~

~~war~~ observers report that its effects are deadly.

Flying artillery! *Flying 75's!*
~~That is the latest~~ .

~~in deadly modern warfare.~~

HARMON

Tommy Harmon, all-American football hero, is alive. After a crash in China, and after having been ~~given~~ given up as lost in action, he has turned up again

Weeks ago Tommy Harmon was at the controls of a fighter plane of the Fourteenth Air Force, It was shortly after he had bagged his first Jap. ~~this time~~ This time he went out on a raid over territory occupied by Japanese, and failed to return simply vanished. On october 30 he was officially reported as "missing in action." But tonight headquarters of lieutenant General Stilwell flashed around the world the three words: Harmon is safe.

At Ann Arbor, Michigan, Louis A. Harmon, his farther learned the glad news from a U.P. reporter He was so happy and excited that he dropped the telephone receiver.

→ At Ann Arbor the reporters also told the news to ^{"Fritz"}~~H. G.~~ Crisler, ~~the~~ Michigan Football Coach who exclaimed: "I knew somehow that they could not knock that boy out".

Out in Hollywood, the U P bureau telephoned to Miss Elyse Knox a pretty young actress. Evidently the young lady had been in poor health because when she heard the news she exclaimed: ~~XXX~~ "You have made me well again". ~~And then she explained that she and Tommy Harmon are not engaged, but just awfully close friends~~

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the Guianas their luck ran out. They ~~made out with~~ ^{plunged thru}
~~one storm after another.~~ ~~the usual foul weather in these regions.~~ In the
sky above French Guiana, just south of Devil's
Island, Harmon saw a hole in the clouds and ~~that blanket of~~ ^{decided}
~~to drop~~ ^{and try it just over the forest.} Suddenly both of his motors froze. ^{And as the}
jungle came up to meet them, the big plane went
into a spin. ~~Tommy~~ ^{IP} Harmon used ~~the quick~~ ^{at the split second} thinking
that ^{had} made him an all-American star. ~~for two years~~
~~running.~~ He yelled to his crew to jump. ^{Evidently the}
co-pilot and ~~the~~ navigator got away. But the two ~~men~~
~~being~~ in the tail did not have a chance. ^{Tommy himself} ~~he~~ bailed
~~out himself~~ ^{out} jumped at the last moment. He landed
right beside the wreckage of his plane, ~~which~~ ^{which}
proved ^{us} that he ~~bailed out~~ ^{had jumped} just in time for his
chute to open and ~~he~~ swing once or twice.

The spot where he landed was forty miles
to the east of Cayenne, capital of French Guiana.
The jungle there is so thick that you can hardly
see more than an arm's length in any direction.

From the burning wreckage of his plane he could rescue only a little chocolate and a machete.

On the chocolate he lived ^{for four} ~~11~~ days; and with the machete he cut his way through thick matted forest.

He kept his head, got his compass bearings and decided to head ^(due) ~~to the~~ East, ^(-- and well for him that he did,) ~~(He was wet through all the time, hungry and sleepless.)~~

After four days he came to a small river, found an ^{without oars in which he} ~~an~~ old leaky boat, ~~and six six six six~~ drifted down stream ^{until he came} ~~for many hours.~~ That brought him to a native village where the bush negroes fed him and took him ^{on} ~~to~~ Cayenne.

He was exhausted, too weak to walk, his clothes had ~~been~~ shrunk to his elbows and knees; but through it all he had kept his compass readings.

Thus he was able to direct ^a ~~the~~ Colonel of the Air Force to the exact spot of the crash.

The Air Force sent out a rescue expedition to find ~~the~~ not only the wreckage but the missing

men of Tommy Harmon's crew. ^{They found ~~the~~ what} ~~Their adventures are another~~ ^{was left of the plane, and evidence}

~~stays~~ But as a result of his experiences the Army ^{the two men in the tail who didn't get out, over} ~~the~~ the co-pilot and navigator who ~~was~~ ^{over}

MEANEST MAN

Somewhere in Delaware, or adjoining states, is a new candidate for the pride and privilege of being the meanest man in the world. He stopped a six year old lad who was riding a tricycle, gave him two pennies for it, put it in his car, and drove off.

BONDS FOLLOW MEANEST MAN

It is interesting to compare this fellow with the Pittsburgh branch of the Federal Reserve Bank.

A gentleman in the steel city sent his check to the bank for a twenty-five thousand dollar War Bond. In return, he received five bonds of Series "C", each of the denomination of five hundred thousand dollars.

And that's real
~~Now that is what you might call~~ generosity.

But the gentleman decided that he would be as generous as the government. He notified the Reserve Bank that there had been, what he called, "a slight error."

Investigation showed that the girl whose duty it is to

fill orders for bonds did not have any five thousand

dollar denominations available. So she just filled ^{this} ~~in~~

^{order} ~~this~~ from the nearest available pile, ^{a stack of} ~~which were~~ bonds

^{each} for a cool half million. She just ~~for half a million each.~~

peeled off a few of these and

~~Now Hugh has some words for us, which I am~~

sent 'em along.

~~some are worth at least half a million dollars each.~~