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The most important piece of news to be discussed tonight is obviously that second tremendous raid against Nazi Germany. The ~~tremendous~~ blasting of Cologne the night before last, by more than a thousand planes, was in itself a stroke sufficiently startling. We hardly expected it to be repeated the very next night, - another thousand plane raid against Essen, ~~at that city~~ ^{at the heart of} ~~Hitting xxx that town was hitting xxx at harder things -~~ ~~Essen~~ the site of the giant Krupp armament works.

~~Three thousand tons of bombs blasting!~~

The Krupp works had ^{be} been bombed forty-five times by the British since the war started. This time, - last night, ^{must} have pretty nearly equalled all the other times combined, with those figures - a thousand planes, three thousand tons of bombs.

The latest news on this topic tells of a warning to Britain, a warning issued by the London Minister of

Home Security. He today ^{gave} issued an order to all the civilian defense forces - "stand by!" He warned that the Nazi ~~air forces~~ ^{air} may launch huge reprisal raids in retaliation for the fiery destruction visited upon Cologne and Krupp. All of the thousands of fire guards, demolition squads and other air raid protection workers throughout the Isle of Britain are ordered to be in a state of constant alertness - in anticipation of a ~~xxx~~ possible German counter-stroke^s.

The two tremendous air blows launched against Nazi Germany on successive nights have filled the English people with immense jubilation. They themselves took such a staggering amount of bombing, and bore up under it. They have had to accept so much bad news, all those defeats in Asia. So there is ^a surging emotion ^{al} reaction to the headline ~~tyding~~ tidings of the two heavy smashes at German industrial production. These,

at the same time, are calculated to be effective aid to the Soviet armies in their life and death fight against the Nazi war machine - and the British have pinned their hopes of victory so much on the success of Soviet Russia.

Amid the swelling British cheers, there is a note of caution from Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Today he did indeed promise that the R.A.F. would raid Germany with two thousand, and even four thousand planes. And he reminded Britain that American bombing squadrons would join the R.A.F. in crashing the Nazis. But he warned that, for the immediate future at least, the people must not expect such giant bombing attacks every night. He said that Britain's air force could not stand the losses ~~■~~ all by itself, couldn't take ~~the~~ *shooting down* loss of thirty-five to forty-five bombers a night.

These losses are reckoned as comparatively moderate,

but still monster bombers take a lot of production.

There is no accurate word about the casualties the Nazis have suffered in the two raids. They claim that in the first bombing, that of Cologne, fewer than a hundred and fifty people were killed. But European military experts estimate the total casualties at a possible maximum of as many as five thousand - dead and wounded. ^WWording seeping out of Germany tells of great popular ~~xxxxxxx~~ excitement because of the raids; fear and depression.)

The news today told of emergency decrees issued at Berlin - an order commanding that every German civilian must take a training course in air raid protection - what to do in case of bombing, how to fight fires.

~~xxxxxxx~~ A London dispatch tells of one type of air raid precaution the Germans are using. This

comes from Joe Grigg, former United Press Manger in Berlin who has just arrived in London after being released from Germany. He states that the Krupp Works in Essen were camouflaged by dummy blast furnaces.

LIBYA

Today one of the strangest and fiercest of battles raged in the sand - not merely the sand under foot, but the sand overhead and all around. Fleets of tanks, rushing and blazing with gunfire; - in a sandstorm. ^{Such} ~~That~~ is the fearsome fantasy presented by the battle of the desert.

In terms of military strategy, the conflict of Libya ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ became clearer today - with military elements novel and strange, never before heard of in the history of war. The key factor is a line of land mines, which the British established north to south. These land mines, placed to blow up tanks, were laid as the essential defense ^{element} of the British front west of Tobruk. ^{HP} Marshal Rommel's armored forces broke through in their first drive several days ago. They cut gaps in the defense based on the land mines - exploding the mines, and opening a way through. That is how they

penetrated the British front west of Tobruk.

Then, having got through, they met the main British tank forces further on. A titanic clash ensued on the desert, with the British breaking the force of the Nazi drive, *getting the better* ~~They had the best~~ of the tank battle, *They* ~~and~~ attribute their success to a new type of monster built in the United States. Powerful, hard hitting tanks, which the British call - "General Grants."

With Rommel's drive thus beaten up, it looked as if the German panzers might be trapped - ~~with~~ the British closing the gaps of the line of land mines which the Germans had left behind them. They did try to close the ^mgaps, but Rommel was able to extricate his forces - and get the major part of his ^zpanzers out of the trap, ~~get them~~ back through the gaps in the mine fields. But he did not take them all out. The latest tonight from British headquarters at Cairo states that a large

armored force is still in the pocket of what might ^{yet} still
be a trap. ^{However} They are not trying to escape through those
mine-field gaps behind them. Instead, they are
attacking. They ~~are~~ trying to drive west instead of
retiring east ^{and} through the gaps. They are being met by
equally powerful forces of tanks - checking them and
smashing at the flanks of the panzer column.

The issue of the battle may rest on the armored
units which, having been badly mauled, were withdrawn ^{through} to
the line of mine fields. Presumably Rommel is reforming
them, and he may be able to bring up new panzer forces -
so as to hurl a new weight of metal through the gaps and
onto the conflict in the pocket. Or maybe the British
will succeed in annihilating the panzers there. ^{TP} These
possibilities are ^{un} ^{ed} an answer to questions tonight -
as fleets of metal monsters clash on the desert ^{in the} of ~~the~~
sand storm. Tanks rushing and shooting with sand under

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their grinding tractors, sand above their steel tops,
sand swirling and blowing everywhere.

TURKEY

There is paradoxical news from Turkey, which is ~~a kind of~~^a paradoxical place, anyway. Simultaneously we have two pieces of news, which might seem to be in high contradiction, diametrically opposite. In fact, they rather suggest somebody traveling both north and south at the same time.

One news dispatch is this:- American lend-lease supplies have arrived in Turkey. They are described as being - "in considerable quantities." For the first time in more than two years, American vessels have steamed into Turkish ports; and, they are delivering cargoes of armament - lend-lease. The arsenal of democracy arming the Turks - to enable them to resist ~~the~~ ^{any} aggression of the Nazis.

A second news dispatch goes this way:- Turkey has concluded a new trade agreement with Nazi Germany, providing for the delivery of German war supplies to the ^{Turks.} ~~the~~ _x

The announcement of this is accompanied by news that today a Turkish delegation left for Germany to inspect factories and place detailed orders for armament. So, the Nazis also are arming Turkey. For what reason?

Well, Abdul would seem to be in a favorable position, in the middle. Getting guns from both sides. Abdul the Turk always did love such toys as big curved swords, and long barrelled muskets. And now he is getting tanks and planes -- both lend-lease and Hitler-Nazi. Allah be praised!

To complete the paradox, here are a couple of railroad items - the supply line, lifeline kind of thing. Today's news dispatch tells us that the Germans have reopened direct railway communication with Turkey.

This had been interrupted by the destruction of bridges, which the Greeks blew up when the Nazis struck in the Balkans last year. But the bridges have now been

repaired^{re}, so that Hitler's armament will be able to roll

into Turkey. ^{TP} The same news dispatch adds that this German transport advantage will soon be compensated by some British railroad building. They are completing a stretch of track, that will open direct rail

communication with Turkey. The consequence of these two railroad items is that Abdul will be able to get his guns faster from both sides. ^{Verily the} ~~The~~ Prophet Mohammed ~~an~~

never had an inspiration greater than this.

It looks like the old oriental game of playing both ends against the middle. Allah be praised!
~~How are we to interpret the paradox? The news~~

CONVOY

London announces that a big convoy has fought its way along the Soviet lifeline in the Arctic, ~~has~~ ^{ing} ~~battled on~~ through ^{to a} ~~and reached the~~ Russian port.

The navigation of the convoy was ~~one~~ continuous ^{warfare} ~~battle~~ for five days, with Nazi ^{U-boats} ~~submarines~~ and ~~air~~planes attacking incessantly. This is the far northern conflict in which the Nazis claim they sank eighteen ships.

London calls ^{the} ~~this~~ claim an exaggeration to the extent of a hundred and seventy-five per cent. That percentage would suggest that about half a dozen ships were lost in the five-day battle of the convoy.

CHINA WAR

The Japs are pushing on in eastern China in what the Chinese call - a nutcracker offensive. They are making four separate drives designed to converge and trap the Chinese forces. Today they reached the outskirts of the City of Chuchow, an air base from which the United Nations might bomb Japan. The Chinese admit that the four Japanese columns are making steady progress.

CHINA LEND*LEASE

China today was taken into the system of
lend-lease as a full fledged member. This provides
for increased aid to the Far Eastern nation and for
Chinese collaboration in the economic reconstruction
after the war.

China came in today -- when Chinese Foreign
Minister T.V. Soong and our Secretary of State Cordell
Hull signed the appropriate document.

PHILIPPINES

A president appeared before Congress in Washington today -- though not the President of the United States. And he received an ovation -- Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippine Commonwealth.

After being cheered to the echo the Philippine President addressed the House of Representatives. He referred to President Roosevelt's assurance that this nation will redeem the independence of the Philippines and rescue them from the Japs, "I hope," said Quezon to the members of Congress "that the pledge made by the president will be recognized by each and every one of you as his own pledge."

WAR DECLARATION

The United States is declaring war on three nations, but there is mighty little fuss about it. Those three nations are Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, -- all satellites of Nazi Germany with hardly anything to say for themselves. Moreover, the three have already declared war on us. They did so some while ago, but we haven't bothered to take notice thus far -- until now.

Today President Roosevelt sent a special message to Congress, asking for a declaration of war against the trio of puppets.

The action of Congress will not be with any sense of urgent importance. The House of Representatives will vote the declarations of war tomorrow. The Senate will not be in session until Thursday -- but that will be time enough.

WAR BONDS.

Tonight we can use that expression so familiar in the other war - "over the top." War Bonds went well over the top during May. The quota for the month was six hundred million dollars, and it was exceeded by five point seven per cent. The quota for this month, June, is eight hundred million. For July, and each succeeding month - one million. Going up! And to that let us add - over the top.

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The above facts were made public today by *the* Secretary of the Treasury, ~~Morgenthau~~, who went on to warn volunteer workers in the War Bond quota campaign. He said that their sales methods should not be what he called - "over-zealous." The Secretary meant they should not indulge in high pressure selling to force the sales of bonds. He pointed out that the quota campaign was on a voluntary and democratic basis. ~~The idea is for us to be eager to buy - anxious to~~

BRIDGES

This afternoon, California immigration authorities took into custody -- Harry Bridges, whom the Government has ordered deported as a Communist alien. The California C.I.O. leader surrendered himself voluntarily to the authorities. With his attorneys, he went to the United States immigration station at San Francisco, and walked into the Office of the Director. Presently, one of Bridges's lawyers emerged from the office and announced, "Harry is in custody now."

Then Bridges' attorneys headed for a federal court. There they asked the judge for a writ of habeas corpus -- the plea to obtain the release of a person.

This habeas corpus request marks the first step of what will be a long fight through the courts, scheduled to go all the way to the highest tribunal, the Supreme Court. Which is expected to take a year or more; that period of time to elapse before Bridges can be sent back to his native Australia -- if he finally is sent back.

Duke of Windsor

The sudden departure of the Duke of Windsor from the United States, is because of labor riots in the Bahamas, ^{of} ~~in~~ which he is Governor-General. Negro laborers, employed on a huge American project, have been staging violent demonstrations -- two rioters~~r~~ killed and several wounded. ~~T~~ Between two and three thousand stormed along the main street of Nassau, smashing shops. The British garrison had to be called out before the mob was suppressed. Then at night there was further rioting in the suburbs -- a fire station burned down. ~~The~~ ^Bullets fired by British troops accounted for the casualties.

HUEY LONG

Tonight questions of war bring forth a shadow out of the recent past -- Huey Long. Shall the illuminated tomb of the one-time Kingfish be blacked out?

Ever since Nineteen Thirty-five, when that singular statesman was himself blacked out by a bullet -- his tomb outside the Louisiana state capital has been illuminated every night; enduring homage to him.

Several weeks ago, with wartime regulations in force, they had a blackout. And the Civilian Defense officials found it was impossible to switch the Huey Long illumination off and on with any facility. So they ordered the big spotlight turned off permanently, the tomb kept dark. And this produced a controversy that waxed hot and heavy.

Today it was settled -- when a state senator announced that a public fund ~~xx~~ has been raised to equip the Huey Long tomb with a switch that will enable the brilliant spotlight to be turned off

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Promptly during air raid alarms. Citizens donated three hundred dollars for the purpose --so that the brilliant illumination paying homage to the Kingfish may glow with crystine brilliance every night, save during blackouts.