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Great Britain believes today witnessed the prelude, the curtain raiser, to the German attack and attempt at invasion. ~~A prelude, a curtain raiser, of air raids.~~ Today, the squadrons of German bombers swept ~~xx~~ over Southern England in waves - raid after raid. They bombed many places over a wide area - in daylight attacks.

The British report that yesterday R.A.F. bombers struck into Germany, and blasted important points - doing heavy damage. This was followed by a big German air attack last night - apparently ~~ixxiixi~~ in retaliation. Then came today's series of bombings in South England - waves of ~~xm~~ sky attack. Five German planes are reported to have been shot down.

As for the amount of damage being done by the air assaults, little is ~~xm~~ known. It was apparent that both sides are minimizing the havoc caused by the bombs. London, for example, reports that today two persons were killed by Nazi high explosive; - thirteen fatalities in the raid last night. Each side claims great injury was wrought by its own warplanes - little by the enemy planes.

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The air activity is increasing progressively - in a succession of blow and counter-blow. Warming up, perhaps, to the full blitzkrieg of the air. And Britain believes that today's ~~n~~ waves of bombing are soon to be followed by Nazi Germany's supreme effort, the drive to invade and conquer England.

London today was not at all pessimistic. Cool and detached opinion in the British capital was - that the Nazi invasion is not at all likely to succeed, will undoubtedly be repelled. This - resulting in a stalemate and followed by attempts to come to terms and establish peace. Such was the ~~common~~ common prognostication in London today.

SUBMARINE

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A story of tragedy, frightful and ironic, is flashed from London. It tells of a big ship torpedoed by a German submarine, and that ship was crowded with German and Italian prisoners of war.

It's British Government policy to send war prisoners to Canada. Shiploads have already arrived. The fifteen thousand ton transport Anandora Star was put into this service and took aboard a full list of Germans and Italians. She was off the west coast of Ireland, when she was spotted by a German submarine. Probably the U-boat commander knew nothing of the kind of cargo the Anandora Star was carrying, never suspected that it was loaded with his own ~~countrymen~~ countrymen - and ~~allied~~ Italians. In any case, the U-boat torpedoed the transport - without warning.

Survivors who reached shore today told of a wild panic ~~max~~ aboard - the war prisoners fighting to save themselves. "They fought like tigers to enter the lifeboats," related a surviving member of the crew. "I saw thirty of them fighting to slide down one rope into a boat."

The story tells of the liner disappearing beneath the

~~xxxx~~ water - hundreds of swimmers left struggling on the sea.

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British vessels arrived on the scene and took survivors from lifeboats and out of the water. Five hundred ~~were~~ saved. We are not told how many were aboard! - ~~how many~~ prisoners of war and ~~members of the~~ crew.

NAPOLEON

One sidelight in the war is the reverence which the German conquerors show to the memory of Napoleon. No sooner had the German Army marched into Paris, than we were told how the tomb of Napoleon was put in charge of a German officer and how numbers of Nazi commanders were making pilgrimages to the shrine of the great Corsican. Later, the news featured the visit that Hitler paid to the tomb of Napoleon, the ~~Max~~ Nazi Fuehrer standing in meditation before the resting place of the greatest modern conqueror.

Today, we have another story, which Berlin takes pains to put in the news. ~~It tells how~~ a German officer ~~was~~ passing along a road south of Paris, ~~when he~~ saw a broken down French automobile. He examined it, and inside ~~he~~ found priceless relics of Napoleon. The sword of the Emperor, a gold chain he had ~~own~~ owned. And - a three-cornered hat which the Little Corporal had worn; ~~You know~~ That typical cocked hat you so often see in pictures of Napoleon. ~~These~~ Relics taken from Paris in the retreat, and abandoned in the panic.

KNOX

The Senate Naval Affairs Committee today voted to recommend the approval of Colonel Frank Knox as Secretary of the Navy. The majority was - nine to five. This decision followed some more testimony given by the Chicago publisher - his second day at the Committee hearing. It developed that on a couple of points he does not agree with Henry L. Stimson, named as Secretary of War. Disharmony between the two Republicans whom the President appointed to the Cabinet in that ~~xxxx~~ surprise move. They both agree in favoring aid to the Allies. But they differ on two questions.

Yesterday ~~Henry L.~~ Stimson declared that, if the defense of the United States required it, British warships should be permitted to enter our ports for servicing, ~~and refueling.~~ Today, Colonel Knox ~~was asked about this, and said no.~~ "I think," he told the Committee, "that ^{he thinks} we would have to intern every British warship that comes into our ports."

In a recent speech, ~~Henry L.~~ Stimson stated that the United States Navy should convoy ships carrying supplies to the Allies. Today, Colonel Knox ~~xxxx~~ disagreed. "That ^{That} would mean war," said he. ~~He pointed out that if American warships were~~

~~used to convoy supplies to the Allies, the Germans would have a legal right to attack them.~~

The appointment of the two Republicans to the Cabinet will be taken up by the Senate next week. In spite of the favorable report by the Senate Committees, there's still to be a fight. ~~Isolationist members of the Committee state they will carry the battle to the floor of the Senate and oppose the appointments. These, however, are almost certain to be okayed by the Senate.~~

MOTORS

The Packard Company is going to do the job that Henry Ford turned down. Today William Knudsen, production coordinator of the National Defense Commission, announced that the Packard Motor Company has agreed to build ~~1~~ nine thousand aviation engines, three thousand for the United States and six thousand for the British. One-third American, two-thirds British.

The story goes like this. Recently, the British Government ~~licensed~~ licensed the United States to Manufacture the Rolls-Royce Merlin type of liquid-cool^{ed} aircraft engine. The National Defense Commission turned to Henry Ford, and he agreed to do the Manufacturing job. ~~When~~ Ford learned that two-thirds of the motors turned out were to be for the

British, ~~he~~ he said - "No"! ~~he~~ ~~he~~ refused to do a war construction job for anybody but the United States. ^{— altho' his plants are busy doing it in Canada and England} So now Packard takes

the contract. According to today's announcement, the new program calls for motor production to start at the rate of twenty engines a month. This to be scaled up until a figure of eight hundred and forty a month is reached.

JULIAN

A gorgeous aftermath of the war in Finland comes in the person of Colonel Hubert Fauntleroy Julian, the Black Eagle of Harlem. Things certainly can be gorgeous when the ~~Black~~ ~~Black~~ Black Eagle is around. In fact resplendent, sumptuous.

Today at New York arrived the freighter Mathilda Thorden with a full passenger list. How full is seen by the figures. The tramp steamer has normal accommodations for twelve passengers. She had a hundred and sixty-seven aboard - a bit crowded. A hundred ~~sixty~~ of the passengers were soldiers who had fought for Finland - Americans and Canadians who had volunteered to battle against the Red Army. They were particularly crowded - and that was the cause of bad feeling, trouble, and near mutiny.

They got the worst of the accommodations, so they claimed, while the better accommodations were taken by the civilian refugees. And, by Colonel Hubert Fauntleroy Julian, *resplendent in monocle and cane - as usual.* The Black Eagle was the most imposing personage aboard, arrayed in a stunning uniform and boasting of the rank of Captain in the Finnish Army. He displayed the Captain's commission signed by Baron Mannerheim, the Generalissimo who commanded Finland's fight. He lived in state aboard the ship - as much state as the

old tramp freighter could provide.

The annoyance of the disgruntled volunteers was focused particularly on Colonel Hubert Fauntleroy Julian. They were in decidedly shabby state and what irked the most was the ~~Box~~ Black Eagle's magnificent uniform. They tried to make him take off the glowing regalia, and wear something less dazzling during the disagreeable voyage. But the Colonel refused. His uniform was sacred. He described it in these words:- "One of the high honors conferred on me by Finland."

So that was that, and the Black Eagle of Harlem strutted - a veritable peacock of war.

FIRE

Here's a dramatic thrill from New York - but there's no danger, no cause for alarm. The metropolis of New York is a city of tunnels under rivers - especially those great tubes that pass under the Hudson. Of ~~THESE~~ these one of the most important is the Holland Vehicular Tunnel, which extends under the river from Lower Manhattan to Jersey City. Tonight, just above that famous Holland tunnel lies the hulk of a sunken ocean liner. The six thousand ton ship went to the bottom today - right above the tunnel, ^{right} across it.

This morning the Clyde Mallory Liner Algonquin lay at her pier - and that pier is directly above the tunnel.

The ship caught fire, ~~and~~ ^a stubborn blaze in the hold, and

the ~~fire~~ flames spread rapidly. It was one of the biggest

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Just by accident it happened to be in the neighborhood and was caught for an hour in the jam of fire engines. Two hundred firemen were battling the blaze with every bit of equipment they could

muster, including five fire boats. The accumulation of fire fighting equipment tied up Downtown Manhattan traffic.

No use. The fire could not be put out. After five hours of battle, the liner Algonquin was sinking. ~~Soon~~ Soon her decks were at the level of the river, and the water was

pouring into the ship. That deluge of river water quickly put the fire out. It made the ship sink all the faster - a plunge ^{and} to the bottom. [^] The six ton liner settled on top of the Holland Tunnel.

Between the ponderous hulk and the tube below are sixteen feet of river silt - that much mud and sand. What about the tunnel? Is it in any danger - in peril of being disrupted by the weight of the ocean liner? The tunnel engineers were promptly on the job, ready to close the tube to traffic if any danger should develop. But ~~no~~ ^{they} ~~the~~ ^{say this is unlikely.} ~~weight of the ship on top of the sixteen feet of silt above~~ ~~the tunnel is unlikely to cause any damage.~~ ~~The engineers~~ ~~do not believe there will be any necessity of closing the tube.~~

BURGLARS

~~There's quite a mystery out in~~ Hollywood ~~the~~ mystery!
~~of~~ ^{and} the houseful of hydrocyanic gas. The house happens to be the
home of actor Cary Grant, which gives us not only mystery but
Hollywood glamour, ~~as well.~~

Recently, the suave player of the screen was having
trouble with moths in his palatial Hollywood home. He had to
make a trip East, and that seemed to be a good time to get rid
of the moths. So Cary Grant called in an exterminator company
and they proceeded to apply the most effective kind of moth cure -
fill the house with hydrocyanic, that deadliest of gases, ~~for a~~
~~couple of weeks.~~ They did, sealing up the place thoroughly, and
making it a container of a dense concentration of the murderous
fumes. ~~while Cary Grant was on his trip East.~~

~~It's easy to imagine a plot for a catastrophic event.~~
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Imagine burglars breaking into the houseful of hydrocyanic
gas - instant death in the lethal fumes. ~~Something like that,~~
~~has happened.~~ Yesterday the private secretary of Cary Grant
noticed that the house had been broken into. He called the
police - and were they careful! Cautiously - they threw open
doors ~~and~~ windows, and let the house have a thorough

airing - for long hours. Today, the mystery breaks into the news. When the police went in, they expected to find the bodies of the unfortunate burglars. They found the place ransacked, Cary Grant's belongings tossed around ~~on all sides~~ and plenty of valuables missing. But no sign of the bodies of the ~~xxx~~ burglars. They looted the houseful of ~~xxx~~ hydrocyanic gas from top to bottom, and got safely away. There's only one possible explanation - they must have worn gas masks. Imagine the scene - burglars in gas masks prowling in a house filled with the deadliest gas on earth, — and in Hollywood!

Yes, that was the perfect place for it.

CENTENARIANO

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Emil Perlott of Charleroi, Pennsylvania, claims that in all his life he has never tasted water. And Emil has lived a long life - he's a hundred years old. He grew up on home-made wine, and has never drunk anything else. He has never had a swallow of H₂O.

Today's news is that hundred year old Emil is on his way to see the New York World's Fair, where he expects to get a thrill or two. No, not by having a drink of water. He's bringing gallons of his home brew ~~wine~~ along with him. The thrill will be something else for the gay centenarian. When asked how long he expected to stay at the Fair, Emil replied:- "Until I get tired of seeing pretty girls." ~~And~~ *at your age, Emil? Fancy that!*

FIGHT

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Tony Galento had hospital treatment today. Last night Max Baer scored a technical knockout over the Battling Beer Barrel and today the doctors looked over Galento's left hand, or rather looked into it, by X-ray. The Beer Barrel is strictly a left hook hitter, and he injured his all-important fist in the second round. Here's the surgeon's report. The X-ray of Tony's left shows a fracture of the knuckle where the middle finger joins the palm.

"I don't see," says the doctor, "how Galento continued after the second round - if that is when the injury occurred."

Another focus of interest was the Beer Barrel's chin. Max Baer hit Tony plenty on the chin last night - but that was only part of the calamity. A couple of days before the fight, *his not so gentle Galento* Two-Ton Tony got into an argument with ~~his~~ brother about some fight tickets. And the affectionate brother swung a beer glass at Tony, and cut open ~~his~~ his chin. Just one big happy family, those Galentos! It was expected that in the fight the cut inflicted in the brother-act might cause Tony trouble. It did. Baer opened it up with a barrage of punches.

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Today's medical report indicates the importance of the ~~diagnosis of the doctor, however, in the~~

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And, Today's medical report indicates the importance of the display of brotherly love in the Galento family. The doctors describe the cut on Tony's chin as being T-shaped. And it took eight stitches to sew it up. Well, Tony, the next time - send

— let him swing for you —
your brother into the ring, with a beer glass.

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And now Hugh I'll swing the
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mike at you.