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Once upon a time we believed that the best field marshal in any Russian Army was "General Winter." Today, the contrary is true. "General Freeze" is fighting on the side of the Nazis.

The quagmires that made the Russian roads impassable have been *hard and firm for motor transports and tanks* frozen ~~solid~~ and even the Reds admit that Hitler is bringing up powerful reinforcements for a new drive on Moscow.

The Soviets claim to have recaptured the center of the City of Kalinin after pushing the invaders back into the suburbs

and killing the Nazi general commanding them. That's ~~news~~ ^{their story,} as it

comes from London. ^HThe latest from Berlin is the news of a ~~new~~ ^{fresh} ~~big~~ ^{against} offensive ~~on~~ the Soviet capital. A Nazi military spokesman ^{today} said; "Events in the near future will show you whether the weather plays such an important role."

In the Crimea, the Nazis are swiftly pushing ~~their way~~ towards the Black Sea. This morning they announced that the Swastika flag was flying over the heart of Simferopol, the capital of that peninsula republic, ~~and~~ ^{and that they} are on their way to the mighty fortress of Sevastopol. The Germans declare that the Russians are evacuating

Kertch at the extreme eastern end of the Crimea, a tongue of land stretching towards the narrow strait that separates the Crimea from Georgia. The Germans imply that the Soviet armies are doing this to reinforce the troops defending the Red line along the Don River. The Nazi forces are close on the heels of the retreating Russians. ^{TP} In London the British observers are gloomy about that situation in the Crimea.)

And here's a report from the capital of Turkey, which corroborates the belief that the British are expecting to have to defend the Caucasus, and that quite soon. Diplomats in Ankara have information that the British forces in the Middle East are rapidly becoming a United States army as far as materials are concerned. Both British and Russian staff officers have been conferring in Tiflis and elsewhere. The moment the Germans break through the Red defenses in the Ukraine and the Crimea, an army of British, Australian, South African and Indian troops will try to hold the Caucasus. They report that more than one ship a day is arriving from the United States with American goods, American ^{and} technicians and instructors. The British air force has been reinforced by planes made in America.

FINLAND

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Finland has been offered peace. That bit of news is almost three months late. It comes from Washington where it was made known by Secretary of State Hull. ~~E~~ As long ago as August Eighteenth, Stalin offered to negotiate with the Finns, sending his offer through the United States Government. Secretary Hull promptly delivered the message to the Finnish Minister Procope, *and* ~~he~~ told Procope that Moscow was ready to talk terms on the basis of what is called in diplomatic language "territorial compensation to Finland." That may safely be assumed to mean that Stalin was ready to ~~xx~~ give the Finns back the land that he took away from them last year, most of which the Finns have ^{already} grabbed back *for* themselves *this year.*

But now the United States Government is going still further than merely acting as a go-between. It is bringing pressure to bear upon the Finnish Government. For Hull also announces today that our Minister to Finland has been told to inform the Finns ~~that~~ they had better come to terms with Stalin if they want to continue being friends with Uncle Sam. The official way of putting it is that the Finnish Government must give satisfactory

evidence that it intends to discontinue military operations against Soviet territory and withdraw Finnish troops.

Evidently that leaves the poor Finns in somewhat of a hole.

Where they stand they are virtually under Hitler's guns. But

Stalin, impatient because they didn't answer his peace overtures,

passed the buck ~~up~~ ^{winging Britain} to Churchill to declare war on Finland as well as

^{on} ~~as~~ Hungary and Rumania. That in turn puts the Churchill Government

in a difficult spot. ^{If Churchill} ~~if he~~ yields to Stalin, he'll be declaring

war on a people that has ^{won the hearty} ~~a lot of~~ sympathy ~~at~~ Britain and in

America ^{both} ~~as well~~. We are all for the Finns.

A message from London comes pretty close to

intimating that it was at the instance of Downing Street that

Secretary Hull is urging the Finns to make peace, for the story

^{in London} ~~among~~ political circles ~~in London~~ is that Hull's announcement today

had the purpose of giving the Finns a last chance to settle or else

— well, it would just have to ^{put up with} ~~have to endure~~ a declaration of war from Britain.

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The United States Government wants two million nine hundred and sixty seven thousand and ninety-two dollars from

Hitler's Germany as damages for the sinking of the ROBIN MOOR.

That's the American freighter ^{which} ~~that~~ was torpedoed by a German

submarine in the South Atlantic last spring. It turns out today

that notes have been passing backwards and forwards between the State

Department and the German Embassy in Washington for several months.

~~The last of these notes as revealed by Secretary Hull today, were~~

~~passed in September.~~ On September Nineteenth, ^(Secretary) Hull wrote to Dr.

Thompson, ^{Hitler's} the Charge ~~de~~ Affaires, saying we would be satisfied with

that sum ^{of almost} ~~or~~ three million dollars for distribution to the proper

parties on condition that it is paid within ninety days, meaning

on or before December Nineteenth. To which Secretary Hull added:-

"Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration." The

next week Dr. Thompson replied:- "I have the honor to reply to you

herewith that the communications made are not such as to ^{lead to} ~~render you~~

an appropriate reply by my government." To which Dr. Thompson

added:- "Accept, Mr. Secretary of State, the renewed assurance of

my most distinguished consideration."

"Distinguished consideration", but ^{we'll have to whistle for} ~~no money.~~

the damages.

NEUTRALITY

Heated words flew back and forth across the floor of the Senate today. ~~Yes,~~ ^Q about neutrality, ~~of course.~~ They flew, high, wide but not handsome. Most lively of all was a duel between Senator Tom Connally of Texas and Senator Wheeler, ^{of Montana,} ~~the leader of~~ the ~~Isolationist bloc.~~

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Connally was taking sarcastic jabs at Wheeler. At one stage he said, "The Senator from Montana ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ wraps himself in a cloak of purity. He is so afraid the country will be misled, but not by himself." At that point ^{Sen.} Connally noticed that his ^{cracks} ~~remarks~~ were being wasted because Wheeler was not on the floor. So he cried, "Won't someone please tell the Senator from Montana that I'm making a few blunt remarks about him?" A page ran out into the cloak room and brought ^{Sen.} Wheeler ~~back.~~

Thereupon Connally stopped his speech and shook hands with Wheeler. ^{After which} ~~then~~ he said: "I am glad to have the Senator here. Unlike the Senator, I haven't got the railroad fare to go halfway across the continent to make speeches at the expense of some society;" ~~To~~ ^{and he} ~~which Connally~~ added, "I wasn't elected to do that."

^{Sen.} Wheeler turned the laugh by saying that one reason why

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Connally and the administration supporters didn't tour the country
was that they couldn't get the crowds.

To which Connally retorted, "I wouldn't want that kind
of crowds."

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That annoyed Wheeler, who protested that his audiences
were high class citizens. Then he reminded Connally that once upon
a time the non-interventionists had been accused of being in league
with the Communists but now, said Wheeler, "The Communists have gone
over to you."

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt was talking about dictators again today. He was dedicating a new high school, the Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in Dutchess County. And he used these words: "I don't think we are ever coming to this new order of dictatorship in this country." He added: "I hope very much that the rest of the world will not be forced into it for it ~~is~~ were this country of ours would become a little oasis."

"Under that order," he continued, "somebody up on top would proclaim himself wiser than what might be called the aggregate of public opinion."

The President went on to say that it had taken fifteen years to bring into reality the dream of the Roosevelt High School, but he added:- "It's better to work these things out over a long period than to have some dictator at the top say to the town of Hyde Park, 'You have got to have it.'"

PLANES

Storms on the Pacific Coast, storms that are blamed for five or six plane crashes. Even more startling is the word that one of them, a flying fortress, the pride of the Army Air Force broke apart in the blizzard. The casualty toll:- two fliers killed, two missing, at least six injured. Four planes were completely smashed including the flying fortress, one damaged.

The most spectacular disaster of all was the one that befell the giant bomber. At first it was feared everybody aboard had perished. But early this morning six members of the crew were found alive in a ranch high in the Sierra, Nevad mountains. Found by Forest Rangers just as the authorities had just about given up hope. They had bailed out, and parachuted to safety. Their story is that the bomber was flying, at about twelve thousand feet in heavy weather when it was caught in a downdraft."

Then continues the story:- "We were sucked more than a thousand feet toward the ground where the ship got out of the suction and into an updraft, and suddenly the tail structure cracked off."

One man was thrown clear through the rear gunner's top turret, glass and all. As he shot into ~~the~~ the snow storm he pulled

his rip cord, and tried to see what was happening to the ship.

But he says he couldn't see anything. He and another member of the crew hit the ground close together. They found some Christmas tree cutters who took them to the Forest Ranger Station.

Lieutenant Walker, who was flying the big army air fortress still is missing.

LAGUARDIA

President Roosevelt seems to be right in the middle of the New York City election tonight. Ten days ago he broke all precedent by bestowing his enthusiastic blessing on Mayor LaGuardia as against the Democratic candidate, District Attorney O'Dwyer, of Brooklyn. And today the President spoke up again.

This, at his press conference at Hyde Park this afternoon. One of the correspondents asked him his opinion about "the mud slinging that has been going on in that heated Gotham campaign". Those were the reporter's words. Mr. Roosevelt said he stands on his original statement about LaGuardia as the man for the job.

WHITE FACE AMENDMENT

In the eleven years that I have been on the air

I have never tried in any way to advise my radio audience on how they should vote, that is, on strictly political issues.

But, tomorrow when you go to the polls, there is one thing

I hope the people of New York ~~State~~ ^{I mean New York state!} will do, and that is, vote

"yes" on an amendment that has to do with one of the mountains

in the Adirondacks. It is Amendment Number Four. ^H Skiing is

a comparatively new thing in this country. Only during the

last five or six years has it become a popular sport, one in

which all of us can take part. It is estimated that there are

now about three million people, most of them young men and

women, who are ^{visiting out} ~~getting out in~~ ^{now} the mountains during the winter,

^{ing} to enjoy the healthiest and most invigorating of all sports --

a sport that not only develops you ^{physically,} ~~physically,~~ but that is good

for the mind as well.

I find it the best way of all to keep fit.

Until skiing came, most of us spent a large part

of our winters indoors. But now, hundreds of thousands of

city people spend their winter ^{my} weekends in the country, and

spend their earnings there, ^{too -} much to the advantage of small

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town merchants, farmers and others. ^{TP} The states that have taken the greatest advantage of the growing wave of interest in winter sports are New Hampshire and Vermont. New York has lagged behind. Amendment Number Four, coming up for vote tomorrow would provide for new ski trails on just one mountain in the Adirondacks, Mt. White Face, the only peak in the Adirondacks which already has an automobile road built to its summit. A vote for Amendment Number Four will be a vote to get the young people of New York State out into the mountains for invigorating winter recreation.

MISSING GIRLS

Here's a message for ambitious young ladies in small towns who want to leave home and mother and carve out a career in the big city. The message is, "don't!" It comes from a knowledgeable source, the Missing Persons Bureau of the New York City Police Department, the most efficient organization of its kind in the world.

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So adept ^{is it at} ~~in~~ tracing down missing people that it has a record of ninety-nine per cent success. The officers in that Bureau ^{have} acquired ~~a singularly keen~~ ^{this refinements} insight into the ways of ~~the~~ world. So there's considerable point when they say to ambitious young ladies - "Don't come to New York unless you have plenty of money, good introductions, good friends in the big city, and, ~~best of all,~~ a return ticket home."

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This message was published today by ^{the acting head} ~~Acting Captain Stein~~ of the New York Missing Persons Bureau ^{for the reason that} ~~because~~ within the last few days he has been asked to find six attractive girls who left their warm and comfortable homes in small towns and went to the big city. Two of them have already been found, but the other four runaways, between the ages of fourteen and nineteen, are still being sought.

^{Ah yes,}
It's ~~interesting to observe that~~ in all six cases it was the lure of the arts that brought the young ladies to the big town.

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— as they were called in days of yore.

Two of them were young moths[↑] attracted by the glare of the footlights.

They are the two who were found, and ^{sent} ~~brought home~~ back to their homes,

~~just across the Hudson River in Newark.~~ Of the other four, two

wanted to be singers; one went to Greenwich Village to be a writer, ^{and}

the other quit high school when her classmates told her she looked

like Joan Bennett.

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