

In the Pacific, two more islands ~~ix~~ invaded, —
two ~~more~~ ^{more} bits of land in the Palau Group, the capture
of the main island, Peleliu, is virtually complete,
and promptly the Navy went ~~ix~~ on to seize nearby
points. Today's bulletin tells us the Japanese
opposition was light, and so were American losses —
and you can write the two islands down as captured.

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CHINA

In China the Japs are driving toward another American air base, this one at Tanchuk. ~~Enemy~~ Enemy forces are within three miles of the flying field, while another Japanese column has drawn closer to the key military center of Kweilin, where American air base installations have already been destroyed. This is the latest in the unfavorable news from China, where the Japs have a two-fold offensive under way -- striking from the north and from the south along the railroad from ~~Man~~ Hanhow to Canton.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD WESTERN FRONT

News from the western front tells of a German thrust across the Rhine near the city of Arnhem. After the elimination of the British Red Devil paratroopers, the Nazis thought they would try a river crossing thrust of their own. They got across the Rhine, establishing a bridgehead -- but that was only an invitation to disaster. British troops hit the Nazis hard, and tonight's news is that the German force that got across the Rhine has been wiped out.

This was quick action and a sharp success, but the real focus of the war today was not up there in the north -- in Holland. The focus of battle on the western front has shifted abruptly from one end of the line to the other from the extreme north to the extreme south,

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WESTERN FRONT

The focus of war on the Western Front has shifted abruptly from one end of the line to the other, from the extreme north to the extreme south. ~~Hitherto,~~ ^{the most} the recent pages of military history have been made in Holland, the epic of the British Red Devil paratroopers ^{in the} ~~and~~ battle of the salient thrust up into the Netherlands. Today the salient was widened by British advances, and German counterattacks were beaten off. ^{TP} But that was secondary news - the primary phase being far to the south, as far south as the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ border of Switzerland.)

There, the American forces launched a big attack, an assault driving into the Belfort Gap, ~~that is~~ an open corridor between rises of high ground - ~~and it~~ ^{ing} leads to the German frontier along the lower Rhine.

The new offensive is being hurled by two American armies - the third under General Patton, and the Seventh under General Patch. This latter is the Franco-American ~~the~~ force that invaded South ^{ern} France

and drove all the way north to the fighting line in the battle for Germany.

The assault is on a ~~xx~~ hundred mile front between the Fortress of Metz and the city of Belfort. And today it scored an advance of five miles - against the most stubborn kind of German defense. It's a ~~mixy~~ clash of armour. We hear of eighty-two enemy tanks knocked out in the initial phases of the fighting. And advance forces of the third and seventh armies are now within thirty-nine miles of the lower end of the Siegfried Line - along the Rhine.

One of the side shows of the battle of Germany appears with drama tonight, at Calais. ~~That~~ ~~xx~~ seaport, together with two others, is still held by the Germans along the Channel Coast. Enemy garrisons at Calais, at Dunkirk, and at another harbor are still holding out - after having been isolated ever since the Allied drive into the low countries. They are fighting it out to the bitter end, as was made strikingly evident today in the case of five thousand Germans at

~~Calais. Evidently in the form of a truce, an~~
~~armistice.~~

Calais, The Canadian force besieging Calais granted the Germans a twenty-four hour truce for the purpose of getting the civilians out - from fifteen to twenty thousand civilians in Calais. The Canadian Army is prepared to hurl its final storming assault against the seaport, and the Germans there know it. They wanted to get rid of the French civilians, the Canadians agreed, and today the civilians were streaming out - while the five-thousand Germans made ready for a last stand.

BALKANS

These were new landings on the Balkan Coast today, in Albania. Also - paratroopers were dropped into Greece. The soldiers of the sky are said to have come down in the ^{famous} Vardar Valley, which leads from Greece into Jugoslavia.

These are the latest events in that latest invasion - the one that ~~is~~ was hidden for days, and is still ~~is~~ none too visible. Military censorship is closely guarding the secrets of the Allied landings in the Balkans. We are told little more than: - "progress is being made".

Progress ~~is~~ by ^{an} ~~the~~ Army that has a name like the first letter of the Greek A. B. C's, Alfa as in alphabet. Its official name is Allied Land Forces of the Adriatic - the initials of which are A. L. F. A. We are told that Alfa is a ~~is~~ development of special British-American units in the Balkans, which originated with secret agent work, developed into commando operations, and have now become a full-fledged invading force.

BALKANS

Here's a rumor, unconfirmed, saying that Yugoslav partisans have captured Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia.

— an affidavit signed by a sergeant in the Air Force, a young Texan.

He got out of Belgrade at the time of the surrender of that country, and made his way to Cairo, and there he tells that he and several comrades were hospitalized while in a Bulgarian hospital.

He himself was wounded in the foot, and was operated on without anesthetic. When he awoke from the operation he was clasped by a nurse, and later a Bulgarian officer hit him with a pistol, while a doctor laughed.

He tells of a comrade American operated on for a bullet wound in the chest, and immediately afterward a ward boy dragged him up to a sitting position and the American burst, and he died. Still another American flying man, who had his chest injured and was not given any medical care for several days, died.

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PRISONERS

Charges that the Bulgarians^S committed atrocities against captured American fliers were made formal by a sworn statement today - an affidavit signed by a sergeant in the Air Forces, a young Texan.

He got out of Bulgaria at the time of the surrender of that country, and made his way to Cairo, and there he tells how he and several comrades were maltreated while in a Bulgarian hospital.

He himself was wounded in the foot, and was operated on without anaesthetic. When he screamed from pain he was slapped by a nurse, and later a Bulgarian officer hit him with a pistol, while a doctor laughed.

He tells of a comrade American operated on for abdominal injuries, and immediately afterward a ward boy dragged him up to a sitting position and the stitches burst, and he died. Still another American flying man, who had ~~his~~ sustained injuries was put in solitary confinement with no medical care for four days - and he died.

These things are sworn to by the Sergeant from

Texas - atrocities committed in a satellite country
which since has changed sides.

Before I go on with the
news let's hear from Stan.
of Calif.

ROOSEVELT - GERMANY

President Roosevelt today denied that there has been any dispute in his official family concerning the question of what is to be done with Germany after the Hitler defeat. He said the reports that have been circulating are just newspaper stories.

Well, these reports have been insistent and specific. The President's Quebec Conference with Prime Minister Churchill was attended by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau - but Secretary of State Cordell Hull was not there. And the word has been that Secretary Morgenthau propounded a plan to eliminate all German industry, and turn the Germans into a nation of small farmers.

This aroused a lot of talk, with unfavorable comment. The criticism was made that the Morgenthau plan was being used by the Nazis as propaganda to persuade the Germans to fight to the bitter end. And the ~~xxxx~~ Morgenthau plan was said to be opposed by Secretary of State Hull and by Secretary of War Stimson. So what about the President? One rumor was

~~that President Roosevelt agreed with the Morgenthau plan at first, and then later changed his mind.~~

~~Today he issued a general denial, stating that there had been ^{no} such ~~an~~ disagreement about any plan concerning Germany.~~ And, at the same time he revealed that he has given instructions for a study of ways to control German industry - in such a fashion that Germany would not be able to build up a war machine again. He said he had directed the Foreign Economic Administration to speed up a study that it has been making of plans for ^{future} industrial ^{activity} in defeated Germany.

(The inference to be drawn is that the President does not approve of any plan to abolish German industry altogether.)

CONFERENCE

The Dumbarton Oaks Conference has concluded its deliberations -- that is, the first phase (of them. The international palaver at the estate near Washington began with an American-British-Russian affair.) Now, the Soviet delegate steps out, and the Dumbarton Oaks conversations will continue between the United States, Great Britain and China. So what has been accomplished during the Russian phase of the conference?

~~(We are not given any specific facts.) The proceedings at Dumbarton Oaks were shrouded in secrecy all along, and the secrecy continues. Today we have an official announcement couched in the usual diplomatic generalities. One thing, however, is~~

Apparently there was no complete agreement on plans for a post-war international organization.

American delegate Stettinius predicts what he calls - "early agreement among the government of peace loving nations". Soviet Ambassador Gromyko describes the conversations as - "undoubtedly useful". British delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan is a little more downright.

FOLLOW DUMBARTON OAKS

The termination of the Russian phase of the conference is followed promptly by the beginning of the Chinese phase -- a Chinese delegate taking his place this afternoon. He is Doctor Wellington Koo, and he promptly called for the establishment of an international peace force to clamp down on possible aggressors. He advocated a ~~firm~~ force that could act promptly and without debate. It is understood, by the way, that the Russian phase of the conference turned down the idea of a separate world police force that would be empowered to act on orders from a sort of league of nations.

HITLER

Here's a new weird one about Hitler - how Der Fuehrer was saved from a poisoned cup of coffee, saved by an astrologer. The account is attributed to a German who has just arrived in Madrid and who explains that Hitler of late has become addicted to strong black coffee with lots of sugar. He has become something of a coffee maniac, drinking as much as twenty large cups a day.

At the same time, it is known that the mystical Fuehrer is a devotee of the occult arts of astrology. He figures things out by reading the stars - or at least, his private astrologer does, Hitler maintains an astrological haunt which he calls - the room of the stars.

The story goes that he was in the room of the stars, confabulating with his private astrologer, who was deep in the calculation of some horoscope or other. And Hitler called for one of those big cups of coffee, heavily sugared.

It was brought to him, and he was about to drink it - but the astrologer raised his head suddenly from the scrutiny of the horoscope and cried: "Mein Fuehrer, do not drink that coffee - it is poisoned". And the star gazer seized the cup, which was promptly analyzed and found to contain a heavy dose of a lethal poison.

So Hitler was saved by the stars, [!] And we used to like those pretty points of light that gleam in the sky at night!

Less occult and rather [/]more credible is another news dispatch telling of the arrest of still another highly placed German noble, for complicity in the bomb attempt against Hitler's life. Count Godfried Von Bismarck, a grandson of that Bismarck who was the iron Chancellor of Germany. The count was the military Governor of the District of Potsdam, and now is charged with having had a part in the conspiracy of the Generals - Bismarck's grandson!

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ARGENTINA

The United States opposition to the government of Argentina was made still more official today by a scathing White House pronouncement, ~~There has been reports that President Roosevelt has not been in agreement with ^{the} Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who in bristling terms has been calling the regime at Buenos Aires a Nazi Fascist outfit opposed to the Allies and playing a Hitler-Hirohito game.~~

~~In this, Secretary Hull has been opposed by former Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles, who in a newspaper column has been arguing that our attitude toward the Argentine government is a mistake, and that we should make friends with the Buenos Aires regime.~~

~~In this controversy, with whom does President Roosevelt side? That was made amply clear today when~~

^{Said} the President, ~~stated~~: "The situation presents the extraordinary paradox of Nazi-Fascist influence in a country of this hemisphere at the very time that those forces of oppression are drawing ever closer to

the final hour of defeat and judgement. "That expresses amply the President's opinion, which he seemed to expand with a good deal more of the same.

This follows a new move by Argentina, a move favorable to the Allies. What about war criminals? The government ⁱⁿ ~~by~~ Buenos Aires proclaims that Nazi war criminals will be granted no welcome in Argentina. They'll be banned from the South American Republic, if they try to take refuge there.

However, this declaration was made to the British Government, not to the American. ~~It was transmitted to London, but not to Washington. Today Secretary of State Cordell Hull declared that he had not received any official word of the Argentina^s ban against war criminals.~~

Along with this we have an explanation from an Argentine official at Buenos Aires, an explanation of why the war criminal decision had been communicated ~~by~~ to London and not to Washington. He said: "The British government is the only ^{one of the} United Nations

~~government~~ ^{that} which will listen to Argentina". And he added that the war criminal ban had been communicated previously to Washington, but Washington, in his words - "preferred to ignore the statement".

~~Later news is word from London about the British attitude toward the Argentine note. The London ~~XXXXX~~ government is pleased and gives hearty welcome to the declaration concerning war criminals. The word is that the strained relations are between ~~the United States~~ ^{the United States} and Argentina, and not between Great Britain and Argentina. However, officials of the ~~the~~ London Foreign Office explain that the British and the American aims in the matter are the same, though the methods are different.~~

BASEBALL

The purchase of a minor league baseball player by a major league ^{club} ~~blue~~ is ordinarily not such hot news, not even when the ball player is an outfielder who has just been accorded top honors in the southern league. The St. Louis Browns have bought this minor league phenom, and he may be able to play in the remaining games to decide the pennant ~~winner~~ winner in the American League - he might even get into the world series. To all of which, the echo would seem to be - so what?

The answer is: Pete Gray, the one armed baseball player.

The fans who follow the news of sports assiduously, ^{all} ~~will~~ have heard about Pete Gray, but a lot of us will think it's a slip of speech to talk about - a one-armed baseball player. But the fact is that Pete Gray, with one arm off almost at the shoulder, has been the sensation of the southern league all season.

With only one hand to catch the ball, he has

been the star outfielder of the Memphis team. At the plate, with only one arm to swing the bat, he hit three hundred and thirty-three, with a hundred and sixty seven hits for two hundred and twenty-one bases. He drove in sixty runs and stole sixty-eight bases - although he had two legs to do that. Now, this one armed wonder goes to the Majors, the Saint Louis Browns, and may play a part in the American League drama of pennant and world series.

The story should be one to hearten returning soldiers and sailors who may have lost a limb in battle. Pete Gray lost his arm when he was a small child - it was ~~be~~ blown off in a mining accident.

And he certainly had ^S_A surmounted the handicap - winning high success in baseball, as a one armed outfielder.

And now headed for the World Series, maybe, - maybe. And a rather weak maybe at the moment.

~~And now a final word from Hugh James.~~

POLYGAMY

The polygamy trial at Salt Lake City reveals that not all the polygamists are natives of Utah - some are from New York and Brooklyn. The fundamentalists believing in plural marriage have been protagonizing their doctrine in the metropolis on the Atlantic Coast, and one missionary, who is alleged to have five wives, is quoted as telling a highly interested group of Brooklynites: "Come to Utah", he proclaimed, "A man must have at least two wives to make a kingdom for himself". I ~~am~~ don't know what kind of kingdom you ~~mean~~ would call that. Maybe it means that us ordinary married men have only half a kingdom, which most of us find quite enough."

We hear that the Utah fundamentalists have been receiving a flood of letters from New York, especially Brooklynites, who are interested in the doctrine of plural marriage. One ambitious citizen of Brooklyn wrote: "I just want to know how to get more wives".

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And now Hugh - what do you want to know? I mean what do you want us to know?

There has been much talk ~~in~~ that the German General Staff, faced with defeat, is already ~~in~~ laying plans for another try - another war. And today this contention was stated in the London House of Commons by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

~~He was~~ giving an explanation of "unconditional surrender", he said: "What we mean by unconditional surrender is that we are not prepared to make a negotiated peace with Germany", And he added: "We have information that the German General Staff, recognizing the inevitability of defeat, already is thinking ~~in~~ in terms of the next war".

After which Eden went on to another thing that is being talked about - the possibility that the Nazis may conduct an underground resistance in Germany, after that country is occupied. Anthony Eden stated today that the Nazi Gestapo Chief, Himmler, is already making preparations for an underground fight, with what the Foreign Secretary called - "fanatical young Nazis, who are now being trained".

POLAND.

We hear from London that the Polish government in exile has dismissed the Commander-in-Chief of the Polish armed forces - General Sosnkowski. He had been under attack for some time because they said he was hostile to Soviet Russia. Specifically, General Sosnkowski declared that the Polish patriots revolting against the Nazis in Warsaw, had been abandoned by the Allies, especially by the Soviets. Now ~~we~~ he is reported to be out, undoubtedly as a Polish concession to Moscow.

Who succeeds him? Why, General Bor, the Commander of the Polish Insurrection in Warsaw. He had the disclosure the other night that this legended Partisan leader was in reality Lieutenant General Komorowski of the Polish Army, and now the word is that he succeeds to the command of the military forces directed by the Polish Government in Exile.