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WAR

There's a curious note in the war news today. For weeks, months, the Nazis have been fulminating, trying to make the British think that the blitzkrieg was going to start at any moment. In the meantime, the British sat tight.

But ~~today~~ ~~not only~~ the Nazis but the Fascisti are ~~singing~~ singing in a different key. A Nazi newspaper carries an article written by Dr. Robert Ley, who runs the German Labor Front for Hitler. And the tenor of that article was the warning of Germany to be prepared for a hard and difficult fight against Britain. In other words, he seems to be telling them they're not going to have the quick walkover ~~that~~ they expected, a lightning victory such as they had in Holland, Belgium and France. "We don't deceive you," wrote the head of the Nazi Labor Front, "that we National Socialists will have to fight hard." Then he added: "England will defend herself obstinately with all her energy. Also, ~~in~~ England's power is great."

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At the same time, Virginio Gayda, the spokesman for Mussolini, wrote that the tactics against the British would be entirely different from those employed against France. The difference, says Gayda, is due not so much to the fact that

Britain is an island and well defended, as to the fact that the empire participates with active forces in England's offense and defense. The war against England, therefore, must consist in hammering and ~~weighing~~^{wearing} down. In the present phase, Germany is doing two essential jobs. For one, she is pulverizing and disorganizing the entire internal system of the islands; then also she is cutting England's communications with the outside world. And adds Gyda, "The task of Italy is analogous."

Now some people are wondering whether this is another Nazi stratagem, whether the Axis powers are trying to throw the English off their guard.

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Today I
I have just

encountered two travelers, distinguished men who are authorities on various parts of the world. One has just arrived in New York from the Far East; the other from Europe. The traveler who has just crossed the Atlantic is Sir Hubert Wilkins, the Arctic and Antarctic explorer who has crossed the Atlantic so many times that he has long since lost count. And, he has made the Atlantic journey in more different ways, I suppose, than any man alive: by sailing ship, by steamer, by submarine, several times by zeppelin, and by ~~x~~ Clipper.

Sir Hubert, who is an Australian, and who after the last World War was described by the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian forces as the most valuable soldier in the Australian army, ~~..... Sir Hubert~~ also knows his Germany. And, he has returned to this country convinced that Hitler will not undertake an invasion of Britain. ~~He is certain~~ ^{Also he is convinced} the British will win, ^{the war.} ~~And,~~
among other things, he told me that in Britain they have enough "iron rations" stored up to feed the entire population of the British Isles for four years.

At a banquet in his honor at the Ford Building at the

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World's Fair, a banquet given by Henry Ford and attended by members of the Explorers Club, Sir Hubert gave a thrilling description of his recent experiences in France. He flew across on the Clipper, ^{and} happened to be in Paris the day that city fell into the hands of the Germans. He attempted to get away in a French plane alongwith four French officers, two of them Generals. ~~and~~ The plane they were in was shot down by a German sky fighter. ^{Whereupon} ~~And then~~ Sir Hubert walked some two hundred miles, and finally succeeded in getting to England in a British army plane.

The other traveler, the man from the Far East, is William D. Pawley, President of an American aviation corporation that specializes in the building and sale of planes in Asia. Pawley flies back and forth across the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean, and around the world, almost as casually as the average New York commuter goes to and from his home in Westchester County or Northern New Jersey.

As a result of his long experience with military men, and with his special knowledge of the air forces and armies of the world, Bill Pawley likewise predicts that Hitler will

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attempt no blitzkrieg against Britain. He thinks there ^{is a} ~~is a~~
strong possibility that the belligerents will come to terms
before Christmas.

Pawley, during the past few years, has had a great
deal to do with that famous Burma Road. He has been building
planes on the frontier of Burma and China, then sending them to
Chiang Kai-Shek's army over the Burma Road.

He has returned from the Far East this time with some
exceedingly interesting ideas and observations. He says ~~the~~
Japanese would be much rougher, and ^{would} ~~start~~ ^{start} shoving the British around
even more than they are doing now, if they thought Hitler was
going to come out on top. ^{He} He also told me that the greatest danger
at Hongkong is not the threat of the Japanese. He says there are
now about a million and a half Chinese refugees from the mainland
^{now} at the British Colony ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ Hongkong. These have to be fed. And, the
threat of what a million and a half Chinese cooped up at Hongkong
may do is causing the British deep concern.

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Also, among the many exceedingly interesting observations
he made to me, here is another:- that the Japanese really fear

Uncle Sam. He says they would not go to war with us under any circumstances, that it's much too big a job for them to tackle, and that we could lick them in a hurry. He also says that the Japanese could be brought to terms in ~~xx~~ the Far East ⁱⁿ ~~xx~~ no time at all if the United States and the British would get together on a joint ultimatum. That is, if the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and India, simply told the Japanese that henceforth they would ~~xxxxx~~ have nothing to do with them, no trade.

He says that the weakness and vacillation of the United States and the British has now thrown the Chinese into the arms of Russia. He predicts that the next Japanese move of aggression, unless they are stopped, will be to take over Indo-China.

WINDSORS

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More excitement about the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. The rumor^{is} that the ship bringing them over is to be followed at a reasonable distance by British warships. ~~has caused quite a bit of chit-chat.~~ ^{This} It was discussed at the State Department today, that is, newspaper men asked the Acting Secretary of State, Sumner Welles, about it. And he said that any British convoy of the American ship EXCALIBUR would be a distinct violation of American neutrality. In fact, he added, that it is absolutely inconceivable. If the Duke and Duchess come over on the EXCALIBUR they will come as ordinary citizens, without special government recognition. The Acting Secretary was then asked whether it would constitute a convoy if the British warships followed the EXCALIBUR at a distance. To that Welles replied, that ~~it is~~ ^{would be} a difficult naval question.

There is also a report that when Her Highness, the Duchess, reaches New York, she will ~~undergo~~ ^{seek} the services of a surgeon, ~~a~~ plastic surgeon, to be exact. The report goes into details to the extent of predicting the name of a hospital at which Her Royal Highness has reserved rooms, also the name of the

surgeon. Beyond that, any talk about what the surgeon is going to do is guesswork, ~~but the guessing is that she is to have an operation on her nose or moles on her face.~~

DEFENSE

Five more billions for the defense of the United States!
To be scrupulously exact, four billions, nine hundred and sixty-
three millions, a hundred and fifty-one thousand, nine hundred and
fifty seven dollars -- that's the sum voted by the House of
Representatives today. They passed the bill with a voice vote
and sent it on up for the Senate to consider.

EMBARGO

President Roosevelt took ^{another dramatic} ~~a dramatic~~ step towards national defense today. He put an embargo against the exporting of aviation gasoline from this country.

Not so long ago he made a preliminary move; ~~he put~~ ^{by putting} not only gasoline but tetra ethyl lead, scrap iron and steel under stringent export control. But today he completely forbade the shipping of any high test fuel for airplanes. That shuts off not only Japan, but also Great Britain and any other power outside the Western Hemisphere. However, it does not forbid the shipping of aviation gasoline to other countries in the Western Hemisphere.

There's just one exception to the order. Aviation companies operating outside the hemisphere, that is, aviation companies owned and operated by Americans may obtain the gasoline they need but only for their own use.

KETTERING

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Our national defense program in future will have the services of Charles F. Kettering, President of the General Motors Research Corporation. A National Council of Inventors is to be established as a part of the defense program. And Harry Hopkins, Secretary of Commerce, breaks the news that Boss Kettering, one of the great living inventors of America, will be head of that National Defense Council.

It became more than ever evident today that there is a breach in the councils of the C.I.O. on the subject of defense. John L. Lewis, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, broke into the news yesterday with a strong opposition to the Conscription Bill.

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Today Sidney Hillman, ~~the~~ Vice-President of the C.I.O., took a vehemently opposite position. Hillman, ~~you will of course remember,~~ is a member of the President's National Defense Advisory Commission. He spoke at St. Louis to the International Convention of the United Automobile Workers, and ~~he~~ appealed to the ~~Automobile Workers~~ to cooperate. "The defense of our cherished rights will not be accomplished by wishful thinking," he told the delegates. "And resolutions, however lofty and high sounding, will not protect homes against tanks belching fire and destruction. ~~The time to prepare,~~" he said further, ~~"is here."~~

CONSCRIPTION

The conscription measure that Congress is considering has already been turned down. ~~quite substantially.~~ ^{That is as} ~~As~~ it was originally drafted, ~~that~~ ^o Burke-Wadsworth Bill would have ordered the registration of all men between the ages of eighteen and sixty-four. Today, the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate decided ~~that~~ ^{is} was too sweeping. The Senators on the Committee voted to confine it to men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one ^{— as} ~~- you may remember that~~ was predicted yesterday. With this modification, the Army will still have as many as twelve million men from which to select.

Meanwhile, ^{today heard more} The Military Affairs Committee of the House ~~was hearing~~ evidence from Secretary of War Stimson. He told the Representatives that compulsory military training is the only way in which Uncle Sam can prepare for war emergencies.

The Secretary had an argument with the news photographers before he started to talk. He didn't like the lights they were using in the committee room to help them take their pictures. ~~And he said~~ ^{he: "} ~~that~~ those lights "are a peril of

war that I had not anticipated." In fact, he refused to start his testimony until they had been dimmed. Then he told the Committee that the United States was facing a far greater danger than it did in June, Nineteen Seventeen. "~~Twenty-three years ago,~~" he said, "we had an unbroken Allied line, with time in which ^{we could} ~~to~~ get prepared." And he continued:- "But today we are face to face with a potential enemy which has not only been training his forces for six years but is today putting them into effect on the victims of Germany and ~~is~~ forcing them to furnish war supplies ^{to Germany.}"

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He went way back into American history to prove his point that voluntary enlistment never succeeds in raising enough men for a proper army. "The volunteer method failed in the Spanish-American War, failed in the Civil War, failed even in the Revolutionary War."

ALIENS

Here's information from the Department of Justice about the compulsory registration of aliens. As everybody probably knows, they have to register before December Twenty-Sixth, at any one of the seven thousand three hundred post offices in the land. But it does not have to be the post office in the district where they live. An alien can register at any post office.

Among the questions they will have to answer will be a query whether they've ever had anything to do with organizations connected with the political activities of a foreign government.

~~In official language, they will have to tell whether they have ever been affiliated with or been a member, official or worker for organizations devoted in whole or in part to influencing or furthering the political activities, public relations, or public policy of a foreign government.~~

WARREN

A new Comptroller General of the United States!

It was announced at the White House today that President Roosevelt tomorrow will send to the Senate the nomination of Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, Representative from North Carolina. As a member of the House, Warren has been Chairman of the Committee on Accounts. He was one of the principal lieutenants of the President during the fights in Congress over the reorganization of the government bureaus.

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BYRNES

Still no decision on the new Democratic National Chairman. In fact all that is known about it today is that one man who has been mentioned for the job will definitely not take it. That man is Senator Byrnes of South Carolina, Assistant Majority Leader in the Senate. He had a two-hour visit with President Roosevelt at the White House today and he admitted they were talking about the chairmanship, ~~of the Party~~. However, he said, as he left the White House, *it wasn't offered to him,* ~~he was not invited to be~~

~~chairman~~. But, he added that if they did invite him, it would be utterly impossible for him to take it. For one thing, he is one of those most unfortunate ^{people} ~~patients~~ who suffer from hay fever.

And, as he explained to reporters, ^{that} the months during which the campaign work will be most arduous are ^{hay fever} ~~the worst~~ months ^{when he} ~~in the~~ *devotes much of his time to sneezing,* ~~year for hay fever victims.~~

And he believes the Party needs ~~So the Democratic Party still has the sign out~~ *a non-sneezing full-time chairman.*
"Wanted, a Chairman."

PNEUMONIA

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That vaccine has been tried out on some hundred and fifteen thousand young men in the ~~XXXXX~~ Civilian Conservation Camps. The results, according to the ~~SurgeonXXXXX~~ Surgeon General's office, are described as ~~encouraging~~. *encouraging.*

This vaccine is different from the pneumonia serums that have hitherto been in use. Those are administered after a patient has already acquired pneumonia. This new vaccine is to prevent people from getting it at all. Incidentally, it is emphasized that this vaccine was administered to the lads in the C.C.C. Camps by their own consent. And in so doing, says the Surgeon General, they've made a highly significant contribution to medical science.

Another heat wave coming! Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Illinois are to bear the brunt of it tomorrow. In some parts of the country it remains the same old heat wave that has been going on for twelve days. That is in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and part of Nebraska.

NEGRO

A spectacular and tragic drama has been enacted in the foothills of Idaho, ~~it's~~ the culmination of a long dispute, ~~a~~ ~~quarrel~~ over mining claims. The origin of the affair was when a fifty year old negro named Hendrickson located some mining claims in the hills north of Boise. He built a cabin on the ground and tried to mine gold but didn't get awfully rich at it.

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Some years later, the United States Forest Service declared that ~~land part of a government recreation area,~~ ^{particular locality} ~~ground~~ ^{and,} ~~pronounced it~~ to be government grazing land. Thereupon, the court ordered Hendrickson to leave, ~~quit living in~~ ^{abandon} his cabin. ^{The prospector} He ^{he} promised to obey, but later ~~on~~ returned. So one of ~~ix~~ Uncle Sam's marshals drove out to his cabin to serve him with a warrant, a warrant of eviction and also for contempt of court. Hendrickson shot the marshal, killed him.

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Then a deputy marshal, accompanied by a captain of the Boise City police force, drove out to arrest and capture Hendrickson. This time Hendrickson shot and killed the deputy, ~~marshal~~. The police captain returned to Boise and organized a posse. ^{Thereupon} ~~So now~~ that ~~explore~~ ^{cabin} in the hills north of Boise ~~is~~ was the scene of a veritable siege. It was

surrounded by a force of some fifty policemen of the state, county and city, fifty men with machine guns and high power rifles.

While he was standing siege, Hendrickson wouldn't even let any of the officers gather up the bodies of the men he had killed. Any time anybody showed himself in the open, a bullet from the negro's rifle whistled dangerously close to him. For three hours he stood off that posse of fifty men. But late this

afternoon, with his cabin ⁱⁿ flames, they finally dragged him out,

struggling to the last, his body was full of holes, ^{But still} ~~he had been~~ ^{alive.} ~~wounded several times. Probably he will escape having to stand~~

~~trial as he is not expected to live.~~

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