

Tonight we hear that the wildest battle thus far is expected in New Guinea, as forty-five thousand Japs start pushing in an attempt to break out of a trap. This powerful force of enemy troops ^{is} ~~now cornered~~ ~~was snared~~ on the northern coast of New Guinea by one of those brilliant MacArthur moves. ^{Recent landings} ~~This was a~~ ~~landing~~ along the Coast, which left the force of forty-five thousand isolated between Aitape and Wewak.

The Japs are in a trap of death and are striving to break their way out - crash through to the West. They ^{are} ~~are~~ on the march now, and preliminary skirmishes have begun, in what is expected to develop into a desperate melee there among ^{the} swamps and jungle of the northern coast of New Guinea.

SAIPAN

Our losses on Saipan were announced today - a total of fifteen thousand casualties, the figure ~~xxxx~~ includes two thousand, three hundred and fifty-nine killed, eleven thousand, four hundred ~~xxx~~ and eighty-one wounded, and one thousand two hundred and ~~yx~~ thirteen missing. The losses were unusually severe for Pacific Island fighting, and reflect the bitter character of the struggle for Saipan.

The Japanese losses were very much heavier - the enemy wiped out. It is estimated that the Japs had twenty thousand men on Saipan - and virtually all were lost. An unusual figure is the one for enemy prisoners taken - one thousand Japs captured. This is the largest single bag of Japanese prisoners in the Pacific War, and it would seem to indicate that the Japs are getting tired of their suicide tactics.

Saipan was unusual too in the number of enemy civilians interned - nine thousand of these, immigrant inhabitants of the island which the Japs had held for so long.

HITLER

From Spain we have a report that Hitler right now is holding a supreme war council - a discussion of means to avert calamity. Spain has word that on Monday, the Nazi Fuehrer assembled his highest military commanders, and they have been in session ever since - trying to figure out what to do, as the Allies hammer forward in Normandy and Italy and as the Soviet sweep continues its dizzy pace.

We are told that new Nazi plans have been made to face the desperate situation - one decision being to withdraw German troops, together or in part, from Norway and the Baltic countries. The idea being, of course, to concentrate every ounce of military strength for the decisive battles that the Germans expect in France, Italy and Russia.

RUSSIA

The major soviet offensive today was toward the Baltic Republic of Latvia. In this sector, the Germans maintain their last salient thrust into the pre-war territories of Russia. And that final salient seems ready to be wiped out. The Russians are driving on a ninety-three mile front, and today hurled their troops forward for a distance of twenty-two miles.

German propaganda broadcasts today were dripping with gloom. The Nazi radio said that the Russians were already within twenty-five miles of East Prussia, and seemed to be preparing the German people for an invasion of Germany by the Red Army - an invasion of East Prussia, the home of the German military caste, the Junkers.

The tone that Nazi propaganda has taken is amply illustrated by one thing said today: "It cannot yet be said whether the Soviet advance will finally be checked", declared the German radio.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD FRANCE

American troops today drove an outflanking drive around the key highway city of St. Lo. This is the latest in the desperate struggle for that town. American troops are likewise making a frontal assault against Saint Lo -- and they're driving down hill. Thanks to the capture of a ridge of high ground a couple of days ago, they have the advantage of going down the slope -- fighting ^{their} ~~their~~ way to within one and a half miles of St. Lo.

All this followed forty-eight hours of violent German counter-attacks -- the enemy hurling masses of armor in a desperate attempt to smash the allied advance. They lost more than one hundred and sixty tanks, a full division, in the furious fighting. Then the enemy counter-assaults grew weaker, from sheer exhaustion. The German attempt had failed, and the Americans lunged forward again towards St. Lo.

It's much the same story on the other end of the battle line where the British and Canadians had a savage fight on their hands. ~~They too etc.~~

~~a half from St. Lo and were hurling violent attacks to capture that highway center - the last and toughest mile and a half to St. Lo.~~

~~On the other end of the battleline, the British and Canadians had a ~~na~~ savage fight on their hands ~~xxxx~~ beyond the captured city of Caen. They,~~

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too, beat off a violent series of counter-attacks - though they had to give ground at one place. At last reports they too were taking the initiative again - resuming their offensive.

Tonight's late bulletin from Allied Supreme Headquarters gives us the following: "Allied gains are small but widespread," it says.

And here's a late one from the enemy side - a story that a new allied landing will soon be made. The comander - General Patton. This is predicted by the Berlin radio, which states that an Army commanded by the General who has been in so much controversy has been formed in Britain, and will soon make a drive onto the coast of France. And that will be the beginning of the all-out allied assault in the west, says the Berlin radio

ATROCITY

TODAY brings another story about German atrocities committed on American paratroopers during the first days of the invasion. It comes from a wounded veteran who is recuperating in a hospital at Temple, Texas.

Private Kenneth Knight of Kansas City was among the glider troops who landed on D-Day, and he tells of American paratroopers beheaded by the Nazis, and then hung in trees. ~~(He states that he saw one paratrooper hung in a tree with his throat cut. All of which is to be added to the long list of Nazi atrocities.~~

AIR WAR

Yesterday, the American Air forces, in assailing Munich, sent forth the greatest fleet of American bombers that had ever hit a single target - eleven hundred flying Fortresses and Liberators escorted ~~by~~ by seven hundred and fifty fighters. That was the record - made yesterday.

Today, the mark was pushed up, yesterday's record broken. Twelve hundred bombers escorted by seven hundred and fifty fighters - nearly two thousand planes. The target was the same as yesterday - Munich. Also - weather conditions were the same - heavy clouds, the aiming of the bombs done by instrument.

No German fighters challenged the mighty air fleet but the anti-aircraft fire at Munich was violent - and twenty-six bombers failed to return. Ten came down in Switzerland, nine ^{of them} ~~were~~ forced down by Swiss fighter planes; and one made a crash landing.

~~The bombers based on Italy were busy too - hurling high explosive on Nazi railroad centers in southern France.~~

UNDERGROUND

The news more and more features the irregular warfare conducted by the anti-Nazi Underground, and today we have word that the partisan bands in France have been joined by parties of Allied Commandos. These are transported by air deep into occupied France, and come down at secret landing places. They ~~xx~~ are said to be operating in many sections, harassing the Nazi lines of communications and conducting campaigns of sabotage. All this - in collaboration with the French underground fighters known as Maquis (Mah-kees).

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Another story tells of what sounds like a good old-fashioned pre-war crime thriller - a sensational bandit hold-up. As the Allies push forward in Normandy, the Germans and Vichyites take away the funds from banks - transferring the money to Paris. Now we hear how two armored cars, crammed with cash from banks, were on their way from a city in Normandy to the capital on the Seine. They were held up by five men wearing masks - a spectacular stick-up in the exciting tradition of the big shots and the mobs. The ~~xi~~ five masked men

→ got away with the loot, and a big chunk it was - one billion francs. They may have been ~~km~~ just ~~fix~~ plain robbers, like the Parisian Apache, but more likely, they were anti-Nazi partisans doing a job of financial sabotage.

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From Italy we have a story of shots fired at a Bishop. This occurred in Piedmont, where a secret band of anti-Fascists mistook the Bishop for a Fascist official. The ecclesiastic was driving along in a car, when the anti-fascists blazed away. Their aim was none too good, luckily; and their bullets missed. The car stopped, and they investigated, discovering their mistake. ~~It~~ They apologized to the Bishop and told him they'd throw a party to celebrate his narrow escape from their own bullets. They invited him to join - and he accepted.

He went with them to a secret camp in the hills, and there joined the anti-Fascists in ~~drinking~~ drinking toasts <sup>in vino -</sup> ~~of red wine~~ - toasts in honor of the fact that they had failed to kill him.

## JAPS IN ITALY

The news from Italy brings word of one complete regiment of Japanese-Americans. Previously, we had heard about a Battalion of Americans of Japanese descent which won honors in the early Italian Campaign. And now the Force has been increased to a full Regiment - many of the Officers of which are Japanese-Americans.

Today we have a story from United Press Correspondent Eleanor Packard, who has just paid a visit to the rather paradoxical outfit, ~~The Japanese American Troops~~, <sup>says</sup> she, ~~are much like "G.I. Joe" everywhere. They laugh and joke and their American Slang is perfect.~~

However, they ~~do~~ have a few peculiarities - in the matter of food, for example. ~~They hate canned grub, and yearn for Rice. Whenever they can, you'll see them going around trading cans <sup>of food</sup> for sacks of Rice.~~ Also they have a way of marching into action with ~~live chickens and pigs.~~ One Officer is quoted as saying:-



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→ "I have seen them go into battle with live chickens slung on their backs. They also lead live pigs into battle and tie them to trees when they are busy. It is the darndest thing you ever saw," says the officer. ~~"But it doesn't seem to interfere with their efficiency."~~

~~And here's another way in which the Japanese American Soldiers resemble their kinsmen across the Pacific.~~ *She says* They have shown themselves to be especially good on night patrol - silent and stealthy. ~~In Italy, they are as cunning and dangerous as the enemy Japs in the Tropical Jungles.~~

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Hugh, I have a late story here, from Mexico. But first let's hear your Stan. & Calif. message.



## MEXICO

A few minutes ago, the government in Washington released a declaration of ~~joint~~ joint plans made between the United States and Mexico. This called <sup>S</sup> for the industrialization of Mexico and a system of inter-American cooperation. The statement was signed by Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, and Mexican Foreign Minister Padilla, and involves an elaborate program of development of Mexican economics, transportation in particular - with Uncle Sam assisting.

## BIG BILL THOMPSON

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Something new in the case of the strange inheritance left by big Bill Thompson, one time Mayor of Chicago. Big Bill was known to have been well off, and it was believed that his estate would amount to about a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Then the sensation, when they opened his safe deposit boxes, and found a million and a half dollars in cash, huge stacks of twenty dollar, fifty dollar, hundred dollar and thousand dollar bills. His widow, who was present at the safe deposit box opening keeled over in a faint.

So what proceeded to happen? The usual thing all sorts of people putting in claims. One woman in Canada said she thought she might be Big Bill's daughter, and asked for two hundred thousand. Another Canadian wrote: "His story has led me to believe that he must be related to my Uncles and Aunts of the great Thompson race of Ireland. None of them, the claimant explained, would make a will, and all of them had money hidden away".

~~A citizen of Louisiana wrote and said~~

that he had an ancestor ■■ by the name of Thompson who disappeared during the Revolutionary War, and wondered if Big Bill might have been a descendant of that vanished relative of a hundred and fifty years ago. *Any how he said he needed the money,*  
From Wisconsin, <sup>came</sup> a claim on the basis of a

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nose bleed. This presumptive heir stated that he once saved the life of the future Mayor of Chicago by pressing a dime under his nose ~~xxxxxx~~ to stop the bleeding. And he thought he was entitled to twenty thousand dollars.

Today's news from Chicago, however, is melancholy for the would-be-inheritors. It states that none of their claims has any legal standing, and that the stacks of money will go to ~~Bill~~ Big Bill Thompson's widow. *Good news for Mrs. Big Bill.*

*And now H - what good news from you?*



In Missouri, sixty men and boys have been laboring for ten days to save a dog - an old coon dog trapped in a cave. *and the late word is that they have.* They are working with picks and drills and blasting with dynamite, *they have* ~~to ~~rescue~~ rescue what~~ *trying to save what.* they call - "the best coon dog in southeast Missouri".

Stories are told of the old hound's exploits for years in hunting the elusive coon.

"I was once offered a hundred dollars for that dog", says his master. That offer was a long time ago, for the hound is now old and feeble, not worth much; but, the farmers are loyal.

*Up to tonight they had* ~~Thus far they have~~ removed sixty tons of limestone, enough to fall three freight cars, *and they had* ~~and have~~ blasted away eighteen feet from the wall of a cliff - to get into the cave. They had ~~still~~ *now* eleven feet ~~to go.~~ *a little while ago, all along they have been* ~~Meanwhile, they are able to drop food down to~~ *dropping food to him* the dog, through the hole into which he fell. ~~And~~ *the workmen had* ~~Their~~ *dog,* wives ~~have~~ set up a camp at the foot of the mountain - so ~~that~~ they can work the harder in their demonstration of loyalty to an old Missouri hound. *dog,* ~~And~~ *dog,* now they've rescued him.



## POLITICAL RIVAL

An odd twist of politics hit the news today, a campaign complication in Texas - electioneering tangled with marriage. In the Twelfth Texas District, a candidate for Congress is O. A. Cole, a worker in a war plant. And today he was in court asking for an injunction to prevent his wife from running against him. It seems that wifie has congressional aspirations, as well as hubby. So she has entered the race as his opponent. To this he objects, and points out that in the ceremony of marriage she promised to love, honor and obey. And what kind of obedience was this?

Today the Judge handed down a decision in the following words:- "No man," declared his honor, "can sue his wife to make her/obey him - or keep her ~~xxxxxx~~ from running against him for political office."

So that would seem to be that, and wifie will goon running against hubby for Congress. He no doubt is muttering sardonically under his breath - love,

honor and obey! As many another husband ~~has growled~~ *— a few husbands I should say, have growled* ~~in his beer~~ ever since the invention of matrimony.

## REPUBLICANS

Today there was an official Republican reaction to the President's acceptance. Republican National Chairman Herbert Brownell, denounced the way President Roosevelt used the title of Commander-in-Chief in stating that he would accept the Democratic Nomination. Brownell, at a press conference, declared that F.D.R. was using the title of Commander-in-Chief in an effort to continue on in the White House.

"Mr. Roosevelt", said he, ~~is~~ "is the first of thirty-two Presidents of the United States to claim that the title of Commander-in-Chief makes him a soldier and to use that title as a pretext to continue in political office".

The G.O.P. Chairman was in conference today with Republican Candidate Thomas E. Dewey. They discussed the campaign line to be taken, and we are told of the strategy that they are supposed to have agreed on. This is to concentrate on the states now controlled by Republican administrations, states with Republican Governors. There are twenty-six of these,

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and if the Republicans can ~~xxx~~ carry them for the Presidency, they'll win. The twenty-six states with Republican Governors have more than three hundred and forty ~~ninety~~ electoral votes - with two hundred and sixty-six needed for election.

Now H - what news from you?



## FRANCE

The invasion battle has been the most violent since D-Day, with a climax of enemy counter-attacks. All along the line, from St. Lo to Caen, the Nazi command hurled masses of armor in a desperate attempt to smash the allied advance. For forty-eight hours, squadrons of tanks lurched forward, battering at the American, British and Canadian lines. The counter attacks cost the Germans a hundred and fifty-four tanks.

Today, the enemy ~~is~~ assaults grew weaker - from sheer exhaustion, apparently. The supreme German attempt had failed. In spite of that armor ~~is~~ hurled against them, the invasion forces held - and were ready to recoil with drives of their own.)

These promptly materialized. (when American thrusts had pushed toward St. Lo. The ~~American~~ Americans drove downhill - thanks to the capture ~~of~~ a couple of days ago, of a ridge of high ground. They had the advantage of going down a slope, as they fought their way forward - supported by a shattering artillery bombardment.) Tonight the Americans are only a mile and



## TURKEY

Indications increase that Turkey may soon join the Allies in the war, <sup>after all,</sup> One sign tonight concerns Hitler's Ambassador to Turkey - that sly fox Von Papen. The German radio states that he has left the Turkish capital, and we have other reports that, before going, Von Papen burned his diplomatic papers, destroying masses of confidential documents. This is a usual preliminary in advance of an outbreak of war. At the same time, the Turkish ambassador to Berlin is coming home - and the general tone of the Turkish newspapers would seem to indicate that something is about to break. The most frequent guess being - the ~~the~~ entrance of Turkey into the war against the Nazis.

## ITALY

In Italy, the American forces, driving toward Leghorn, broke through today for a two mile gain. This ended a stalemate that had lasted for a week - the advance to Leghorn held up by powerful German resistance and counter-attacks. But the Fifth Army is on its way again, though the Germans are fighting stubbornly, aided by the rugged mountain country.