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Again tonight the inhabitants of London heard a sound that has now become exceedingly familiar to them; those air raid sirens. And tonight, for London, is the sixth night in succession. Causing most of the eight million Londoners to rush to ^{air} ~~air~~ raid shelters.

However, One dispatch ~~from London~~ reports that British theatre-goers have become so hardened ~~to air raids~~ that when the sirens let go they just sit where they are-- and the play goes on.

Hitler -- or Goering ^{rather} -- tonight sent bombers over in mass formation for the most terrific attack ^{made so far} ~~yet~~ upon the defenses of London. One invading Nazi air fleet roared across northern Kent by way of Faversham, Chatham and Rochester.

The other crossed the coastline Between Folkstone and ~~QNNXKEND~~
Dungeness and sped over that part of Kent known as the Weald.

Apparently the purpose was to join forces southeast of London
for a concerted attack on the ~~hexis~~ heart of the City. But ^{the}
a defending squadron of the Royal Air Force ^s ~~was in~~ ^{jumped into} the air

to meet them, intercepted the ~~Nazi~~ bombers, prevented them ^{two}
from joining, ^{armadas} ~~and~~ ^{and on} drove them back out to sea. According

to the British Air Ministry, twenty-four German planes were
shot down and twelve British planes ^{were} ~~lost~~, but four of these ²
twelve British pilots are safe. ^{TP} The attack of the Nazis

broke up into ~~and~~ dogfights and scattered bombing ~~att~~
attacks over Kent and along the estuary of the Thames
River.

The British ^{say} ~~allege~~ that there were at least five
hundred Nazi bombers in that raid. An American correspondent,
sitting on a hilltop somewhere along the southeast coast,
either Dover or Folkstone, saw relays of German planes filling
the sky for two hours.

The Nazis for once haven't much to say about ^{tonights'} ~~that~~

raid, at least not ^{so far,} according to the latest reports available.

The communique from Berlin merely says that the war in the air against Great Britain was being carried on systematically but with only a small portion of Germany's aerial strength.

The Nazis also report that their ~~many~~ bombers have been raiding as far afield as the ~~Indiann~~ Indian Ocean.

CANADA

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Here's a war prophecy from Canada. Great Britain is going to turn the tables on Nazi Germany before long, snatch the defensive away from Hitler's generals. The man who makes that prophecy ought to know, ^{considerable about it for} he's colonel Ralston, the Canadian Defense Minister. And he announced that an offensive phase is coming and that the Canadian First Division, which is now thoroughly trained and ready, will be in the thick of it. He doesn't know exactly how soon it will come.

BALKANS

The latest grapevine is that Hitler ~~doesn't~~ doesn't want to start anything on a big scale against Britain until he gets ^{the} ~~that~~ Balkan mess cleared up. Hungary and Rumania were ~~xx~~ snapping at each other all day, the Rumanians claiming ~~exxx~~ outrageous acts by the Hungarians, the Hungarians not saying much. Bucharest complained that Magyar planes machine-gunned a Rumanian airfield, bombed a town, and dropped propaganda leaflets all over the place. And they claim likewise that the Rumanian defenders shot down at least two Hungarian planes.

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The most important move was at Vienna. There Mussolini's foreign Minister, Count Ciano, met Hitler's Ribbentrop, and the announcement is that they are there to make ^a ~~one~~ final ~~last~~ settlement between Hungary and Rumania. Ciano has previously had a long conference with Hitler himself at his mountain ^{retreat.} ~~home;~~ The foreign ministers of Hungary and Rumania are on their way to Vienna to join the Italian and German. But ~~one fact sticks out at Vienna like a sore thumb.~~ ^{that this is}

AMERICAN LEGION

Few ships in our time have had more momentous voyages than the steamer American ~~xxxxxx~~ Legion. She docked safe and sound in New York Harbor today, bringing eight hundred and seventy-five men, women and children, refugees from the European War. There were eight hundred and seventy-seven when ~~xxxxxx~~ she sailed from Petsamo, ^{Finland - in the Arctic -} but two died on the way across.

The passengers included a stowaway and a beautiful ~~xxxx~~ princess. ^{And} You don't often encounter a princess who is really beautiful outside of a fairy story. The ~~xxxxxx~~ Crown Princess of Martha of Norway, who was among those on the American Legion, is really a beauty in any language. She brought with her three attractive children, two little princesses and a prince, and they're all going to be guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt at ^{his Dutchess County, N.Y. home.} ~~Hyde Park.~~

Almost as interesting as the Princess is the stowaway, a pretty young Finnish blonde only seventeen years old. Usually stowaways are nailed by the authorities on this side and sent back to the place whence they came. But that's hardly practicable in the case of Miss Leone Aino ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Hirmukallio of Helsinki. She hid herself aboard the American

Legion because she wanted to see America. So they'll probably send her to Canada.

Another passenger was a Scottish terrier who distinguished himself by biting five people before the ship had been one day out of Petsame.

~~There were eighty-seven Germans aboard the American Legion, and some of them turned out to be pro-Nazis of a violently proselytizing type. They went in among the crew and tried to convert them to Hitler's doctrines. The crew threw them out. Later, on there was a fight between the Nazis and the Norwegians in one of the hatches. After that, Everybody was warned that if there were any more rows ~~xxxx~~ aboard the American Legion, the passages of the people making the rows would be cancelled. Just how you can cancel a man's passage on the high seas was not made clear. Of course there is the historic case of the Prophet Jonah, ^{as my favorite clergyman, Ralph Lambler} The Bible says that the crew of the ship that was taking him to Tarshish "took up Jonah and cast him forth into the sea." So I suppose in ~~xxxx~~ modern language it might be reported that Jonah's passage was cancelled.~~

In all seriousness, the voyage of the American Legion

of Brooklyn & Quaker Hill, reminds me.

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was no laughing matter. The reports about her while she was on the seas caused us grave anxiety, but they didn't tell half the ^{high} truth. For thirty-six hours the ship was in peril of whose gravity we had ~~xxx~~ no inkling. For on the ~~xix~~ Nineteenth of August she ran into a storm with waves beating on her almost funnel high. And that was in the most dangerous of the mine-sown waters north of Scotland.

During those thirty-six hours, the people aboard the American Legion were in a state of near panic. So said Mrs. Frederick Stirling, wife of Uncle Sam's Minister to Sweden. Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, ^{over able} ~~Uncle Sam's~~ Minister to Norway, reported that practically all the passengers slept on deck with their life belts around them. Captain Torning, the Master of the American Legion, said that during ~~that~~ ^a gale a hundred and twenty miles off the coast of Scotland, he saw several objects in the water that he thought were mines though he wasn't quite sure. The ~~ixix~~ lifeboats were kept swung over the side, ready to be lowered. But in the throes of ~~that~~ ^a gale it would have been impossible to ~~ixxxx~~ lower them with any safety.

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Captain Torning didn't tell his passengers ^{of the mines he thought} ~~what he~~
~~he saw~~ ^{had seen} in the storm tossed waters. But they were kept
awake through listening to the German radio, which ~~xxx~~
continued to broadcast the peril of that melodramatic voyage.

^W During most of the thirteen days that it took the American
Legion to come from Petsamo, Captain Torning stuck to his
bridge. ^{And} When she wasn't fighting the storm she was sailing
through fog. ^W Nobody ~~xxxxx~~ aboard her will ^{soon} ~~ever~~ forget the
voyage of the S. S. American Legion.

REFUGEES

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The prospect of bringing large consignments of refugee children to America remains rather remote. To be sure, Congress has passed a bill permitting American ships to sail through prohibited waters in the war zones. Then last night President Roosevelt signed it. But this law provides that American vessels can only proceed to Europe for such a purpose if all the ~~warring~~ nations at war guarantee them safe conduct. And the Nazi government has announced that it cannot offer any such guarantee. So it looks as though that law would be pretty much of a dead letter, with small chance of bringing refugee children here in any large numbers.

NATIONAL GUARD

President Roosevelt now has full authority to call out the National Guard and all the other reserves of Uncle Sam's Army. ^{Putting} ~~That puts~~ at his disposal a force of four hundred and eight thousand ~~offizi~~ officers and men for one full year's active service. Mr. Roosevelt has put his signature to the Bill passed by Congress which gives him that authority. He has that power until June Thirtieth, Nineteen Forty-two. ^{Troops only for} ~~As you can doubtless recall, it limits~~ ~~him to using these troops~~ ^{use} in the Western Hemisphere and the ~~xxxxxxx~~ territories and possessions of the United States.

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→ ^{And} ~~Incidentally,~~ that includes the Philippines.

TROTSKY

The Mexican police are looking for still more conspirators in connection with the Trotsky case. An officer in Mexico City overheard a conversation between five men, one of them an Italian, two Russians, and two Americans. What he heard was the outlines of a plot to bring about the escape of the so-called Frank Jackson, the man who killed the one-time Red Commissar.

In the meantime, ^{Frank} Jackson still insists that his killing of Trotsky was the result of a private fight, still denies that he is or ever has been a member of the Russian Soviet Ogpu.

ELECTIONS

Hiram Johnson of California, the old veteran of the Bull Moose, has ^{just} received ~~an amazing~~ ^{a great} tribute from the people of his state. He has been renominated for the ~~Senatorship~~ ^{Senatorship} on three tickets. Nominated not only as Republican, ~~and~~ ^{and as a} progressive candidate, ~~but~~ ^{and} also ^{as a} Democrat. What's more, on every one of them the dyed-in-the-wool isolationist has not merely a plurality but a whaling, whopping majority.

TP Here are the returns as they came in early this afternoon from some ten thousand out of thirteen thousand odd precincts in the Golden State:~ On the Republican ticket, Hiram Johnson four hundred and sixty thousand, one hundred and fifty-three, Lieutenant-Governor Ellis Patterson, forty-one thousand, eight hundred and forty three; on the Democratic ticket Hiram Johnson three hundred and eighty-nine thousand, nine hundred and fifty-two, Lieutenant Governor Ellis Patterson, one hundred and fifty-one thousand, forty-four. And the Californians of the Bull Moose, the party that Hiram Johnson helped to found, also gave him most of their votes. ~~On the~~

~~Progressive ticket Johnson two thousand, two hundred and three, Richard Otto, a Democrat, four hundred and seventy-nine.~~

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Senator Hiram Johnson, Theodore Roosevelt's running mate on the Bull Moose ticket in Nineteen Twelve, will be seventy-four years old next Tuesday. It was just thirty years ago that he was elected Governor of California, after (Abe Ruef, the notorious boss of San Francisco, prosecuted him) having prosecuted ~~him~~ and sent him to San Quentin. And in Nineteen Sixteen, California chose him for the United States Senate. He has been re-elected and re-elected and re-elected, though frequently he has run slap in the face of overwhelming public opinion. In Nineteen Seventeen, he was one of the die-hard Congressmen lambasted by President Woodrow Wilson as "a little group of wilfull men", ~~am~~ the men who voted against our getting into the World War.

On the last couple of years, he has again stood out in the Senate as an implacable, immovable isolationist. President Roosevelt a few days ago dismissed him as one who could not be described as a liberal. But criticism from

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Presidents has never stood between Hiram Johnson and the voters of his state.

Oh yes, and there was a primary in Mississippi too. The result, as reported today, was a victory for Senator Theo G. Bilbo, self-~~designated~~ designated as "the man Bilbo!"

In South Carolina they held a wet and dry election, and a hundred and twenty-six thousand in the Palmetto State voted for the return to prohibition against some eighty-nine thousand wets.

WEATHER

Let's talk about the weather for a change. According to an official report from Washington, there are almost fifty-seven varieties of it ~~is~~ in the United States. ~~Not quite~~ ~~fifty-seven, if you insist, but~~ Even different parts of the same state ~~are having~~ ^{often have} different brands. For instance, in southern New York and New Jersey the rains poured ^{today.} In other parts of New York there were killing frosts, almost ~~what you~~ ~~might call~~ a freeze. Likewise in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. On the other hand, the folks in the Ohio Valley are crying for a downpour, soaking rains. And the western great ~~plains~~ plains all the way north from western Oklahoma, are suffering from a drought.

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MARRIAGE

Here's a warning to spinsters.- If you don't like that word, call them unmarried ladies. The warning is, "Don't be rushed into marriage because of the impending draft laws."

This warning comes from a new society which calls itself the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Streamlined Date Club. This club was organized by three school teachers in Poughkeepsie, ^{N.Y.,} just a short while ago, but it is already gathering members by the hundreds. They say the old Greek proverb, "Man, know thyself," should be expanded to read: "Woman, know thy man before marrying him." They have several suggestions for getting to know a man. One is, invite him to ~~xxxxxxx~~ breakfast, ^{for that's} when a man is always at his worst. Another dodge is ~~xxxxx~~ to get him to teach you something, like driving a car. Still another, spend a day outdoors with him when he needs a shave and wears his old clothes. ^{bless them,} The ladies don't say anything about what a man in turn might learn from them.

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But there's one ^{point} ~~thing~~ on which the ladies of the Streamline Club seem pretty sound:- "Don't marry a man to save him from the draft."

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That's what the ladies have on their minds. Now Hugh what have you got on yours? Nu Blue Sunoco I hope.

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