

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

According to word from Crete the Empire troops defending that fabulous old island are now having tanks to cope with, tanks borne across the sea by Nazi planes. This had been anticipated. More than a year ago, the Nazis declared they had perfected a mechanism and technique for carrying tanks by air. Another tactic learned from Uncle Sam. Years ago, my sponsors, The Sun Oil Company, demonstrated the possibility of carrying motor cars by air, when one of Vincent Buranelli's all-wing monoplanes took off, carrying a car underneath it.

News reports tell of fierce fighting on Crete. The Nazis declare that they are delivering reinforcements constantly and that they are advancing everywhere. They claim they have forced the defending New Zealanders away from the airdrome of Malemi near Canea. The British admit that German forces aided by air borne

tanks, have smashed past British Defense lines. But, says the High Command at Cairo, the New Zealanders under General Freyberg, V.C., came back at the Germans with a furious counterattack. So far as we know there have been no reinforcements for the British. Cairo reported that the Royal Air Force planes were back in that fight again, helping the British Imperials and that they had destroyed at least twenty-four great Nazi bombers and damaged many more. On the other hand, the German high command puts out the claim that English domination of the sea in the Eastern Mediterranean has endured severe losses through the cooperation of naval and air forces of the Axis powers.

The Nazis claim that they have destroyed twenty-five warships of the British eastern Mediterranean fleet.

Here's word from Rome that the Fascists believe Crete will fall at any moment. The Italians also report a heavy attack of bombers on Suez.

In London, the opinion of military experts is that the British appear to be holding, but that it looks bad.

IRAQ

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Tonight again the news from Iraq is indefinite. The British report ~~that~~ the pro-Nazi government of Premier Rashid Ali is on the run. But they say <sup>little</sup> ~~nothing~~ of military operations and, <sup>(anti British)</sup> on the other hand, the <sup>^</sup> Iraqis give out stories of small successes, minor casualties inflicted upon British troops near Basra. The official German news agency in Berlin says that there <sup>has been</sup> <sup>^</sup> fierce and uninterrupted fighting on the road to Baghdad, that the Iraqi forces are hammering at British communications and have attacked and routed a British tank column. <sup>^</sup> Evidently, the Germans are still in control of the <sup>in the north,</sup> airdrome at Mosul because the British announce that they've bombed <sup>^</sup> it. Elsewhere German aircraft on the ground were attacked.

But more startling still is a dispatch that comes from Turkey. Diplomats in Ankara are saying that the control of Syria <sup>has,</sup> ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~all~~ ~~intents~~ ~~and~~ ~~purposes,~~ ~~passed~~ passed from the hands of the French to the Germans. This was effected in spite of the objection of General Dentz, the French High

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Commissioner. All this has been achieved by an unofficial  
armistice commission led by a former German consul and a Nazi  
agent known as Red Fez. General Dentz appealed to the Vichy  
regime against the activities of these agents, and was advised  
by Vichy that if he didn't like it he could resign. Thereupon  
Dentz gave in to the Germans. ~~All~~ <sup>This</sup> This was accomplished by  
before the pro-Nazi revolt in Iraq. Everybody in the French army  
in Syria who is either pro-British or in favor of the Free French,  
has been turned out. An army of six thousand volunteers to fight  
against the British in Iraq was recruited in one week. Each  
volunteer was promised a forty dollars a month pay.

*So runs  
the grapevine story from Turkey.*

JIMMY

The newspapers of the Axis are ~~now~~ paying considerable attention to <sup>a young American Marine Officer -</sup> Captain James Roosevelt, son of the President.

His latest appearance was in Egypt, and that provoked an accusation from a newspaper widely circulated in and around Naples. This Fascist paper charges that Jimmy has been trying to bulldoze the Egyptians into declaring war against the Axis.

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It made the further statement that <sup>capt.</sup> James Roosevelt had hinted that after the war, the United States will take it out on all countries that had not joined in the fight on the Allied side.

The Fascist story goes <sup>to say</sup> on that Jimmy's message was received with polite silence, but that later he spoke up at a dinner given in his honor, at which the Prime Minister of Egypt was present. At this dinner <sup>Capt. R</sup> Jimmy made a speech, threatening that the nations ~~that have~~ not directly taken <sup>ing</sup> part in the war against the enemy would not be helped economically by the United States.

Thereupon, said that Naples newspaper, the Egyptian Premier arose and left. *So says the Fascist paper.*

BISMARCK

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The British may already have their revenge for the loss of the great battle cruiser HOOD. The Admiralty announced that the German battleship BISMARCK, which sank the HOOD with an unlucky shot in the magazine, was herself hit today. For three days the hunt has been going on all over the North Atlantic for the BISMARCK. Torpedo bombers from the fleet air arm finally caught up with her, and this evening they scored a hit with an aerial torpedo. ~~The hunt still is going on.~~

HULL

It was from Secretary of State Hull that the world today received America's answer to the warnings by <sup>the</sup> Nazi, <sup>No I Sea</sup> ~~Grand~~ Admiral <sup>Doeg. Admiral</sup> Raeder. The Secretary of State replied categorically and specifically to that interview with Raeder in which he said that if we used convoys or gave any naval aid to Great Britain, it <sup>outright</sup> would constitute a plain act of war on which the German Navy would act. That, said the Secretary, is just a threat to induce us to abandon our defense efforts until the Nazis control all the seas and the other four continents. He went on to say that it was all in line with the program of the Nazis against European nations, the tactics that led them to refrain from real efforts to protect themselves until Hitler was ready to act. Correspondents noticed that Secretary Hull referred to Hitler by name without using his title.

He went on to say that his interpretation of Raeder's remarks was obvious to everybody, just a well known German practice, an integral part of the Nazi plan for world conquest.

Raeder's interview had been published exclusively

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by the Japanese official news agency, and the newspapers asked the Secretary whether he attached any importance to that.

This question he refused to answer, said he didn't want to comment any further.



MORGENTHAU

The Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr. is at sea. That doesn't mean figuratively or any wisecrack. He is literally on the high seas aboard one of Uncle Sam's battle wagons. He wasn't present in Washington when the newspapermen assembled for the usual Monday morning press conference. It was explained that he was afloat with ~~Admiral~~ Rear Admiral ~~W. J.~~ King, Commander of the Atlantic fleet. As the battleship TEXAS is the flagship of Admiral King, the assumption is that Morgenthau is aboard the TEXAS.

## STRIKES

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That shipyard strike at San Francisco <sup>provoked</sup> ~~became the subject~~ of warm words on the floor of the Senate today. Senator Byrd of Virginia told his colleagues that he had learned that strikes are to be called soon in eighteen major defense plants. The Virginia Senator <sup>said</sup> ~~intimated that~~ we've been temporizing with this question too long. The Government no longer can afford to compromise, he said, on this issue of strikes without imperiling our defenses to a dangerous degree. He offered a joint resolution in Congress which would condemn strikes in defense industries as contrary to sound public policy. But, he added, that we don't need additional legislation. The President, he said, could stop that strike business if he wanted to by the sheer ~~xx~~ weight of his authority and influence. If President Roosevelt says strikes in defense plants must stop, I think they will stop, said Byrd.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt at the White House was having a conference with William Green, President of the ~~AM~~ American Federation of Labor. They were talking about that

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walkout of machinists which has stopped work in eleven shipyards on the Pacific coast. When he came out, Green did not tell the reporters what had been said at that conference. He remarked he was hopeful that it would be settled shortly.

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## PARITY

~~Here's~~ good news for ~~the~~ farmers, ~~and Lord knows they need~~  
~~it with this dreadful weather,~~ President Roosevelt today signed  
the bill which permits the Department of Agriculture to allow  
the land cultivators loans of eighty-five per cent. That is,  
eighty-five per cent of the parity prices for their wheat,  
cotton, corn, rice and tobacco.

As he signed the bill, Mr. Roosevelt announced that he  
was doing so with a string to the signature. He issued the  
statement in these words:— "I am approving this joint  
resolution on the distinct understanding that parity payments  
will be limited to the amount necessary to bring the basic  
commodities to parity but not beyond parity." He said he had had  
an understanding with congressional leaders to that effect and  
that he was going to hold them to it.

ASCAP

The Supreme Court has handed down a decision of interest to all American composers, authors and publishers. The states of Nebraska and Florida have passed laws forbidding Ascap ~~to~~ -- representing many composers, authors and publishers,-- to fix the fees for playing the music composed and published by its members. ASCAP appealed, took the fight all the way up the line, said those laws were unconstitutional.

Today the Supreme Court handed down a unanimous opinion against ASCAP. The decision referred particularly to the Florida law, which forbids the owners of copyright to combine in substantial numbers for the purpose of fixing fees in performance of their work. The Supreme Court approves specifically of that law.

BAER

A rumpus in the boxing world and it has a <sup>familiar</sup> ~~foreign~~ sound. J

<sup>once more</sup>  
Today we heard those familiar words from a prizefight manager -

"We was robbed!" <sup>Yes, It's Ancil Hoffman, the Manager of</sup>  
<sup>who was battered by</sup>  
Buddy Baer, latest victim of the Brown Bomber Joe Louis at

Washington, last Friday.

Buddy Baer, says Hoffman, ought to be declared the  
<sup>(even though he finished the fight took an awful beating)</sup>  
heavyweight champion of the world. Hoffman went to Washington,

and appeared before the District of Columbia Boxing Commission

to put in his claim. Hoffman told the Commission that Baer,

or as he puts it, "we", won the championship because Joe Louis

gave Buddy his final blow three seconds after the gong had

sounded, at the end of the sixth round. Hoffman also claims

there was something wrong with that fight because there was a

colored gentleman with a gong, not the official gong, near the

ringside. <sup>That was the</sup>  
~~that~~ during <sup>the</sup> celebrated first round when Louis was

knocked out of the ring just as Dempsey was knocked out of the

ring by Firpo in Nineteen Twenty-Three. That colored gentleman,

said Hoffman, used his gong to the advantage of Joe Louis when he

was dazed after being knocked through the ropes. Those who saw or heard the fight may remember that both fighters went to their corners fifteen seconds before the first round ended because they thought the gong had been sounded.

Altogether, Hoffman ~~stop~~ offered ten reasons why Buddy Baer, who actually was hammered into unconsciousness, ~~by the ~~Ex~~ brown ~~listed Joe Louis~~~~, should be declared heavyweight champion of the world. If that claim were allowed it would be almost as remarkable as the episode at the Yankee Stadium in Nineteen Thirty when ~~Maxx Schmeling~~ Max Schmeling <sup>was awarded the fight</sup> ~~was declared heavyweight champion~~ while rolling on the canvas in ~~half-conscious~~ agony.

At any rate, the Commission indicated that the clamor wouldn't do much good. Referee Arthur Donovan gave the fight to Joe Louis and it's a rule of the Commission that once a referee has given his decision, it can't be changed.

AMBERGRIS

All stories of salvage or treasure found at sea are dwarfed by a piece of news that broke today. The steamship SIBONEY of the American Export Line, was on her way from Lisbon to America, when the lookout reported something floating in the water which appeared to be an overturned lifeboat. It was reported to the master of the vessel. He changed ~~its~~ course and came close to

that floating mass, saw ~~that~~ it wasn't a lifeboat, so ~~passed it by~~ <sup>steamed</sup> on toward America. The mass <sup>had</sup> looked ~~identically~~ like the belly of a dead whale. ~~He didn't~~ <sup>so he just</sup> ~~even bother to lower a lifeboat.~~ <sup>didn't</sup>

But after he had gone some distance, he recalled that if that mass had been the belly of a dead whale there would have been sharks feeding on it, and no sharks were there. Then he recalled something he had read years ago about ambergris, ~~that~~ <sup>so</sup> strange & substance prized so highly by perfume makers and chemists that they

will gladly give a <sup>fabulous</sup> ~~high~~ price for it -- twenty-five dollars an ounce. He had never seen the stuff, only knew that it was tremendously valuable, and sometimes found at sea. ~~He~~ <sup>He</sup> turned ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup>

ship back, and this time approached quite close to the object. He lowered a boat, and upon close investigation found <sup>the</sup> a huge mass that

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looked something like putty, but marbled with streaks of white,  
~~like a good porterhouse steak.~~ A detachment of the watch on deck  
fastened chains around the stuff and hoisted it on board. Sure  
enough, it answered to all the descriptions of ambergris. There  
was so much that it had to be cut into chunks and stowed away into  
fourteen barrels. <sup>Amounting to</sup> ~~That represents~~ something like three tons, three  
tons of ambergris at twenty-five dollars an ounce. ~~At a modest~~  
estimate, ~~that's~~ <sup>W</sup> worth at least two million, four hundred thousand  
dollars. And by all maritime laws, the master, mates and crew of  
the good ship SIBONEY will share in that two and a half million  
dollars.

And now Hugh tell us about  
~~What he, for a life on the ocean wave! And here's Hugh~~  
something just as priceless as  
~~to talk about a wave of Blue Sunoco.~~

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