

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Hitler has at last begun his war on Britain with a vengeance. ^{Not that he has} ~~He hasn't~~ attempted ~~any~~ invasion. ^{But again all} ~~yet but all~~ ^{day today} ~~day~~ Nazi bombers in mass formation roared over England, and ~~even~~ ^{the} for the first time, as far as ^{of} northern Ireland.

The most ferocious and smashing attack was made on Portsmouth, the mighty naval fortress on the south coast just outside South Hampton. ~~Indeed, it's~~ One of the greatest naval bases in the world.

^{Also, all,} ~~But, it wasn't the only point of attack. All~~ along the South and Southeast coast, over the manufacturing midlands and ~~ex~~ over Wales, Nazi planes swooped down by the hundreds.

^{Presumably} ~~Of course it may be taken that~~ this is merely a foretaste of more to come, because, ~~as everybody knows,~~ Hitler

has planes to throw at the British by the thousand. ^{And that is the} Berlin

~~threatened as much~~ tonight. The Nazi claim is that they caused havoc and devastation at that ~~great~~ naval base of Portsmouth.

~~And~~ They also boast of having bagged four British merchant vessels in the English Channel, ^{And they claim they did} ~~and caused~~ great damage at

important British air ~~xxxx~~ bases.

^{Today brought forth}
~~All in all, it was~~ the greatest ~~or~~ aerial onslaught ^{of all.}
~~yet in all history, even if others more terrific are still~~

~~to follow. That much is definite.~~ And as night fell, the Nazi raiders were still roaring, ^{over England, dumping} ~~and dropping~~ ~~xxxx~~ their

^{their} ~~deadly~~ loads ^{of bombs.} ~~over England.~~ With what results?

^{we don't know.} In all this war ^{onslaughts} ~~in the air~~ ~~And what did it achieve, this mass~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~of~~

~~bombing and fighting planes, thicker than flocks of geese on~~
~~the wing? That cannot be told with anything even approaching~~

~~accuracy.~~ ~~xx xx~~ In all those air fights, there is the widest discrepancy ~~imaginable~~ between the accounts given out in

London and ~~those~~ in Berlin. For instance, the Nazi official news agency makes the claim that they destroyed seventy-one

British fighting planes in today's raids, ~~at one point or~~

another. This morning the German high command claimed to have shot down ninety-three, ^{yesterday.} if all those claims were true ^{then} they would have destroyed a hundred and sixty four British ^{planes} ~~airships~~ in two days.

But, the story from London ^{is} ~~was~~ vastly different.

The British high command admits that for more than ~~twenty~~

twenty-four hours, tremendous formations of German planes

have been ^{winging} ~~tearing~~ over Britain, dropping ^{a veritable rain} ~~an enormous tonnage~~ of ^{high explosive} ~~bombers~~. ~~Now fewer than four hundred of the enemy airships~~

~~came raiding yesterday. And today's was the largest scale~~

~~air attack that Britain has yet seen.~~ But, say the British,

the German efforts had little success either against the

Portsmouth naval works or elsewhere. An official communique

was issued jointly by the Admiralty, the Air Ministry and the

Ministry of Home Security. At Portsmouth some bombs dropped

on the outskirts of the dock area, setting fire to a store and

causing minor damage to a jetty. The communique continues

that two small harbor service craft were sunk and in other

parts of Portsmouth a railway station was hit and a number of

buildings, including a brewery, set afire. And the British High Command adds that ~~EXXEXX~~ casualties were not numerous considering the large number of bombs dropped.

~~The British also announce that their fighters bagged thirty-nine Nazi planes today. The Germans ~~EXXEXX~~ themselves said only seventeen were missing. As against the seventy-one British airships that the Germans claimed they had destroyed, the British admit the loss of nine for today.~~

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The British also say that one German mass formation alone was formed of no fewer than two ~~XX~~ hundred Nazi planes, which were sent to raid one small town on the British coast. But the fighters of the Royal Air Force met that squadron of two hundred and only fifty of them succeeded in crossing the English channel.

According to one report, there were Italian aviators among the enemy captured. This, the British believe, indicates that there is ^{now} a shortage of trained German pilots. ~~but~~

~~that belief hardly jibes with reports from other sources.~~

ADD LEAD

An American correspondent sat ~~ix~~ in the office of one of the Vice-M Marshals of the Royal Air Force today. And his description gives us a vivid idea of what ~~those~~ ^{these latest} raids mean. The newspaper men had hardly entered the office before a telephone rang. After the officer had answered the call he said, " That's the third show we've had since breakfast." As he went on explaining the operations of the Royal Air Force, the meaning of the pins on his maps, the progress of ~~XXXX~~ convoys, the telephone kept ~~XXXXXX~~ ringing constantly. The Vice-Marshal had to break off almost every other minute to issue orders as he learned of one air battle after another ~~that was~~ being fought all over Britain.

But the R.A.F. ~~had not been~~ ^{are not} content with merely defending Britain from Nazi raids. British bombers have kept up a constant series of raids into Germany itself and

at key positions ~~in Nazi France~~ occupied by Nazi forces ⁱⁿ other countries — France, Holland, and Belgium.

FRANCE

The Petain Government of France is about to suppress all secret societies. That will include even the free Masons. It became known today that a decree to this effect will be published in the official journal in a day or so. This will mean that being a free mason will be against the law in all of Western Europe.

Meanwhile, the Petain Government was the subject of another attack in the Italian press, in a paper owned by the former Secretary of the Fascist Party. This editorial declared that all such actions by the Petain Government as the one just mentioned -- suppression of secret societies, are insincere, just a false totalitarian front, an attempt to deceive the Axis powers. And that in a few months, the portion of France not now occupied by the Nazis will return to the old Jewish and Masonic policy. So said the Fascist paper, and it added:- "You can't change forty million Frenchmen in forty-eight hours."

GREECE

The danger to Greece appears to be more ominous tonight. Italian newspapers were fulminating against the Hellenic Government in the fashion that usually precedes an armed attack and occupation. It seems to be the same old routine, just like Aesop's Fable of the lamb and the wolf.

Probably you remember it:- The wolf accuses the lamb of soiling the water in the stream from which the wolf is drinking. The lamb points out that it is drinking downstream from the wolf and cannot possibly contaminate the water. Thereupon the wolf gobbles him up for his impertinence.

Reports from London have it that Italian forces have burned three villages in Albania. The report is denied in Rome. Nevertheless, the propaganda war so frequently preliminary to actual war, is raging in Italian papers.

The Japanese are moving in on Indo-China in a big way.

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At least [^] evidence points ~~that way~~. Several months ago, while France was in the throes of trying to fight off the Germans, the Nipponese Government obtained a big concession. The French Government consented, ^{under heavy} ~~after long~~ pressure, to closing the French railroad running into southeastern China, thereby shutting off ^{an important source of supply for} ~~supplies that were being sent in to Generalissimo~~ Chiang Hai-Shek. ^{that in itself} ~~It~~ [^] was a distinct surrender xxx on the part of the French. But it is now apparent that the Japanese will not be contented until they get far more.

Six weeks ago, a special mission went from Tokyo to see for themselves whether that railroad had actually been shut off to traffic of ~~xxxxx~~ supplies to the Chinese Armies. ^{And that} ~~this~~

Japanese mission now includes no fewer than one hundred so-called experts, with more coming in all the time. ^{Also} ~~And~~ it is reported

that the Mikado's generals have obtained full control of the ^{big} French airport at Hanoi. Japanese military planes are using it ^{as}

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[^] ^{a base} for reconnoissance flights over southern China. And the Japanese Army chiefs now demand the right to erect a radio station at Hanoi for direct contact with Tokyo and Canton.

The Japanese appear to be aiming at not only complete military control but economic domination of ~~ixdx~~ Indo-China, which has rich deposits of tin, coal, and other minerals, as well as oil and rice. And the representatives from Tokyo are said to have demanded that the French authorities expel all Chinese who have not resided there for more than ten years. They also claim the privilege of a reduction in taxes and *of* customs tariffs for the benefit of the Japanese.

CONSCRIPTION

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The principal fight against conscription was waged today by Senator Norris of Nebraska. ^{Senator} ~~You may recall that~~ ^{by the way,} Norris is the only man still in the Senate who voted against our getting into the last World War.

The old veteran spoke with great care and deliberation, and without the vehemence that has marked other attacks upon the Conscription Bill. His line of criticism was that a conscripted army will eventually lead us into military dictatorship. He admitted that recent events in history have forced him to change or rather to modify views which he had held all his mature life. Previously he had been against what he considered excessive and unnecessary appropriations for defense. But he had been unable to ignore the realignment of world powers and changed conditions. For all that, he could not bring himself to embrace the idea of forced military service at this time.

Then he recalled some things he had seen during a trip through Germany. One of them was a big military parade. The other, was the spectacle of women working in a field — women

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harnessed to plows. That's the kind of world, said Senator
Norris, that compulsory military training will give us.

And, he added these words:- "Rather than see my country
become that kind of place, I would want to see the end and
cross the river into eternity."

REDS

A ruling by the Attorney General of Arizona has aroused the fury of the Communist Party. His ruling is that any person elected by the communist movement cannot qualify as an ~~officer~~ office holder. The Arizona Attorney General reasons that the avowed purpose and object of a Communist, also his duty to his organization requires that he do everything possible to overthrow the Constitution of the United States by force. ^{But, every} ~~as an officer~~ office holder ^{is} ~~of course he is~~ required to take an oath of allegiance to the Constitution.

Therefore, Attorney General Joe Conway of Arizona ruled that the Communist Party of Arizona is not entitled to a place on the ballot for the primary election in September. ^{And} That ruling of the Attorney General was upheld by the Secretary of State of Arizona.

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The come-back of the communists to this decision is interesting, not to say ^{curious} ~~amusing~~ when you remember what are the aims of the Communist Party. The Executive Secretary of the Arizona Communists describes the ruling as fascistic and undemocratic. ~~tactics.~~

PEGLER

The syndicated newspaper columns of my neighbor, Westbrook Pegler, became an issue in a New York law court this afternoon. A man named George Scalise has been tried in general sessions, accused of Grand Larceny and third degree forgery. As a matter of fact, he's charged with having stolen more than sixty thousand dollars from the funds of the union of which he ^{formerly was} ~~used to be~~ President. As all of ^{Pegler's} ~~of~~ ^{many regular} ~~Pegler's~~ readers know, he has been scorching several union leaders whom he accused of having criminal records. Scalise, former head of the Building Service Employees Union, was one of the first of these.

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Today's proceedings in court were taken up entirely with efforts to get a jury. Scalise's lawyer made a ^{particular} ~~great~~ point of asking all ^{would-be} ~~respective~~ jurors whether they read ^{Westbrook Pegler's famous columns.} ~~Pegler's column. On the first day at least one of them~~ ~~admitted it.~~

HURRICANE

The latest on that disastrous hurricane in the South is that it has blown itself out and it is not headed north! But in its wake it left a wide swath of calamity. The floods alone that it caused in southwest Louisiana rendered twenty-five thousand people homeless. In one section no fewer than five thousand refugees are tonight housed in rice warehouses and wherever they could find shelter. There hasn't been time yet to add up the damage but it's calculated that what with crops, homes and business houses destroyed, the loss will run well into the millions.

In South Carolina, many localities are still isolated.

HOOVER

Wendell Willkie may have the services of former
President Herbert Hoover in his campaign for the Presidency.

That's the latest from Colorado Springs where the Republican
candidate is ^{enjoying what is jokingly} ~~having what is jocularly~~ called a vacation.

Willkie had a conference with the ex-President this morning

in between a visit from Mary Pickford and ^{another} ~~a farewell~~ chat

with Elliot Roosevelt, son of the President. Mr. Hoover

not only offered his services to Willkie, he prophesied

^{Willkie}
that ~~he~~ would win.
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That row over the Democratic campaign book becomes ^{more} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~even~~ ^{even} more interesting ~~this evening~~. Wendell Willkie started it off yesterday, ^{charging} ~~as you may have heard~~. He ~~charged~~ that the sale of ~~that~~ ^e book to raise funds for the party was pernicious and illegal, against the Federal Corrupt Practices Act and also against the Hatch Act. Then he threw out a warning that he ~~xxx~~ would prosecute any such vilations relentlessly when and if he is elected. That challenge was taken up ~~xxx~~ promptly by Edward J. Flynn, who is to be successor to Jim Farley as Democratic National Chairman. Flynn pointed out that the advertising contracts for the book were made long before the Hatch Bill became a law. And he hammered scornfully on that little word if.

But this afternoon the issue was taken up by no less a Democrat than Senator Carl Hatch himslef, the author of the Hatch Act. He spoke up right on the floor of the Senate.

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Holding in his hand a copy of the Act, he uttered the warning that everybody who bought a copy of ^{the Democratic campaign} ~~that~~ book would be lisible

to prosecution under the law that he sponsored. ^{Then} ~~Then he~~ added ^{this}

Democratic-Senator: —

"What I said last week to the Republican National Committee I

say ~~xix~~ this week to ^{my fellow} ~~the~~ Democrats; and that is, obey the spirit as well as the letter of the law." It may be, he admitted, that technically the advertising contracts made and paid for before the act was passed are not violations. But the New Mexico Senator added that he did not care about technicalities, either those raised by the Republicans or the Democrats. Everybody who buys that book will be ~~xxxxxxx~~ violating the provisions of the Hatch Act, ^{So said Sen. Hatch.} ~~said its author.~~

Later this afternoon another bombshell was thrown into the Democratic camp, and that by a Democratic official. President Roosevelt's Attorney General, Robert H. Jackson, corroborated Senator Hatch. The Attorney General threw out the same warning, cautioned the Democratic National Committee that any sales of the party's ~~xxx~~ Nineteen Forty campaign book through state or local organizations would be a circumvention of ^{the} ~~that~~ Hatch Bill.

And When a Democrat bites a Democrat, that's news.

And now Hugh!

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