

C.T. - Luroco. Monday, Nov. 18, 1940.

~~Duce~~ Mussolini ~~today~~ took his oratorical ~~uniform~~ ^{Full dress regalia} out of mothballs ^{today} and gave the ^{Fascisti} citizens a treat, an old time ~~typical~~ bit of ^{Mussolini} ~~Fascist~~ spellbinding. It was the first time ^{the Duce had} ~~he~~ talked to the peasantry since he announced the declaration of war. It came just at the moment when the civilized world was hearing how the Duce's war in Greece had begun to resemble that football game where the ball carrier scored a touchdown but turned out to be running the wrong way. ^{Not did!} ^{today} The Duce ~~didn't~~ give the popolo any explanation or excuse for that catastrophic Italian score in the Pindus Mountains. ^{He just ducked that!} ~~He ducked the~~ issue by telling what nasty fellows the Greeks are, the rascals, picking on poor little Italy. Greece, he said, "is a tricky enemy." The Greeks ~~hate~~ hate Italy more than any other nation. ^{said the Duce.} Their hate is profound and incurable, [^] Then he undertook to prove his point, prove how tricky the Greeks have been. Nazi German officers in France found documents proving that Greece offered air and naval bases to Britain and France!

^{Next} ~~Then~~ he poured out his venom against the British.

According to ear witness reports, that struck a popular note, as every time he mentioned the name of Prime Minister Winston Churchill

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the crowd laughed and booed. He derided the British for the loss of British Somaliland. Then he trotted out his history lesson and compared Britain to Rome's ancient foe, Carthage, the great Phenician ^{trader} ~~and traitor~~ Republic across the Mediterranean from Rome, the place that Rome had to destroy in the olden times because she couldn't stand the competition. "This war," said the Duce, "is a decisive war and it must end with the destruction of the modern Carthage."

Mussolini denied that his navy had been crippled by the British ^{at} ~~in~~ Taranto. So far from losing six ships, as the British Admiralty claimed, Italy has lost none, ^{said he,} merely one battleship seriously damaged, and two others trivially damaged. Then with a little boasting, he announced that the Fascists are producing airplanes four times as rapidly as before the war and now have an air fleet as good as any other nation, if not better. "Peace with France," he then said, "will be a common Axis peace." He then turned a devout face towards Berlin and made his humble genuflections to Fuehrer Hitler.

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They ^{are} ~~are~~ not going to invade Albania, not going to take any

chances on a battle in ^{any} flat ^{valleys} ~~country~~ against the mechanized Italian

divisions. Mountain fighting is their long suit and they're going

to stick to it.

BERLIN

The chief news from Nazi Germany tonight concerns another mysterious and apparently momentous conference. The latest visitor to the Nazi capital is Serrano Suner, Foreign Minister of Spain. He arrived almost simultaneously with Mussolini's Count Ciano. Suner and Ciano ~~just~~ had lunch with Hitler's Foreign Minister Ribbentrop. Then they all went to Hitler's mountain hideout in the Bavarian Alps. As in the case of Molotov's visit, the details of the proceedings were wrapped up in official silence. But there were plenty of glittering and threatening generalities. It's part of the new diplomatic offensive of the Axis, that's what the Nazi spokesmen declare.

It has been rumored that Suner is really the big man in Spain, that although he holds the title of only Foreign Minister, it's he who tells Franco where he gets off.

In Rome it was ^{reported} ~~rumored~~ that Hitler is going to try to bring about a reconciliation between Spain and Stalin. But that brings a sour taste into the mouth of Dictator Franco. He's going to find it pretty difficult to swallow the Soviet with it's atheistic leanings.

BRITAIN

Heavy clouds came to the help of the British today. After a weekend of intensive bombing, the weather compelled Goering's raiders to give the Island a slight respite. But not before they had delivered another one of their concentrated attacks, ~~in the south.~~ In London this was reported as a raid on a south coast town. But Berlin announced that the south coast town was Southampton, where the Nazi bombers kept up a continuous raid of bombs for thirteen hours. The damage was principally in the parts of the town where people live. *The news tells us that* ~~The archies kept up such a hot fire that~~ the raiders couldn't get down close enough for accurate bombing at the naval base ~~on~~ the big airplane factories. *The Nazis also bombed Liverpool.*

The New York newspaper P.M. had a big story today ~~from~~ *the first of a series.* Ingersoll its editor, Ralph Ingersoll, ~~who~~ has just returned from a fourteen day visit to England. The gist of what Editor Ingersoll learned was that between September Seventh and September Fifteenth, Hitler had won the Battle of London. But he didn't know it, couldn't take advantage of it and by September Fifteenth the pendulum had swung. Goering's air force was losing two hundred planes a day, and the Nazis couldn't take it, *says Ingersoll.*

A number of us ^{had} ~~happened to have~~ lunch with Ingersoll today, and he told us ^{of some of his} ~~many most interesting~~ conclusions that he ^{had come to} ~~had made~~ ^{during} ~~after~~ his fourteen days in England. One of the most interesting to me was the estimate of British Royal Air Force men that the Germans had still a preponderance of aircraft, two planes to every one of the Britons. But, beyond that, ^{the Nazis} ~~they~~ have no vast reserves, ^{and that the} ~~The~~ British are more than holding their own. Ingersoll also told us that the British are not using American airplanes. Those we have sent over ^{have not been found of much use} ~~there are found to be unsuited~~ for the fighting: They've been used for training. Ingersoll also learned that the British expect the war to last at least one, possibly two, years more. The end will come, they believe, through an internal break-up in Germany.

Ingersoll also learned that one popular report is false, the report that the Germans were using cheaply made planes and flying without instruments. ^{He says it} ~~That isn't~~ ^{also} isn't so. In the matter of those ^{American} ~~bombsights~~ ^{that} bombsights, the British pilots are indifferent. They told P.M.'s editor that the fighting is done ^{under} ~~in~~ such conditions that bombsights aren't of much use, ^{in fact} cannot be used.

He also made some inquiry into the Japanese question, and reports that the Japanese are not taken seriously by the British. As for Russia, that the people of the Soviet will do nothing, and are badly scared.

JAPAN

Today the tidings from Tokyo are that the Mikado's war lords are going to offer China, what they call "liberal terms, -- peace. It is reported that Foreign Minister Matsuoka told our Ambassador, Joseph Grew, that he was doing his utmost to talk with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in person.

Advices from the Chinese side are that no matter how liberal the Japanese might consider those terms, they won't appeal to Chiang. The Chungking government has been vastly encouraged by the recent firmer policy of the United States.

BASES

Uncle Sam's government has picked most of the defense bases
it wants in the Western Hemisphere, ^{and these on} ~~on~~ British land. The British
Ministry of Information made an announcement in London about this
today. (Uncle Sam and Britain have agreed on sites to be leased in
Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Antigua, St. Lucia and British Guiana.
The one on British Guiana giving us a foothold on the mainland of
South America. The army and navy are still considering a base at
Trinidad. The announcement says nothing about bases in Newfoundland
or any of the other northerly points.

ARGENTINA

Important news from Buenos Aires. The government of Argentina will join heartily in defense of the Western Hemisphere. The Argentines will cooperate in all necessary preparations without waiting for the danger from abroad to be already on the doorstep.

LABOR

This begins a big ^{week} ~~was~~ for American labor. Will there be an end to that ² ~~exhausting~~ fight between the two major organizations?

President Roosevelt has made another try to settle the row. So the American Federation of Labor delegates heard from their President, William Green, at New Orleans. This ^{at} ~~was~~ the opening of the Sixtieth Convention of the A.F. of L.

Green had a lot of complimentary things to say about the ^{and the delegates cheered them.} President. He told his delegates that he believes in crediting

Mr. Roosevelt's promises not to send American boys to fight in the European war. And he added:- ~~XXXX~~ "We do not believe that the

President of the United States is an erratic, war-mongering politician," ^{which he said was} ~~That's~~ what C.I.O. chieftain ~~John L.~~ Lewis had called the President during the campaign.

Green, on the whole, spoke as though he ardently wanted unity in the labor world. But the next thing he said was:- "We will never share with any rebel group the right to speak for the American working man and woman." Then he spoke ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ sarcastic words about the C.I.O. "Look at the peace and tranquility which exists here in contrast with the babel of voices ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ another convention meeting by the sea." Meaning, of course, the C.I.O. Convention at

Atlantic City. Green claimed to have a membership of five million people in the A.F. of L., five million ~~of~~ paid-up, the highest number ever.

At Atlantic City, ^{today,} it looked for a while as though there were a strong movement to draft John L. Lewis, not let him give up the leadership. As he entered the hall, ^{he received} ~~there was~~ an ovation, ^{and} ~~and~~ another ~~one~~ in the course of his speech when he gave the lie to people who had accused the C.I.O. of being infested with Communists. "They lie in their beard," he shouted, "and they lie in their bowels." Then he added: "And that goes for old lady Green ^{quote: -} down in New Orleans." That compliment brought forward a thunder of laughter from the C.I.O. Convention, and he added, referring to Green: "As old as she is, she really should know better."

But as he continued, Lewis made it clear that there would be no "draft Lewis" business. There were tears in his eyes as he told his followers that in a few days he would give up his post as President. With that he called for unified support for ^{whomever} ~~whoever~~ ~~whomever~~ they choose to succeed him, to which he added: "He will need it, I ought to know." And he explained that the life of the C.I.O. today

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was threatened by strife and schism. He urged the members to elect a leadership, a more unified leadership, which would command the confidence of all the members. "At present ^{said he} it resembles those armies in South America ^{with} ~~who have~~ forty generals and eight privates. ~~Where ever~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{said Lewis} said Lewis, "The enemies of the C.I.O." are following an ancient formula - divide and conquer."

Later in the day, the American Federation of Labor Convention heard a speech from Secretary of War Stimson, a speech which they applauded loudly. In fact, throughout the day there were signs that the Roosevelt administration has become quite popular with the A.F. of L.) It was remarkable that this labor union convention, with delegates from all over the country, also applauded vehemently Green's endorsement of the policy of sending all aid possible to Britain. And they applauded ^{Sec. of War} Stimson when he told them that we are confronted with the most far-reaching crisis that has ever faced the United States in a hundred and fifty years. They applauded still more fervently when he assured ~~them~~ that the workers would not have to ~~xi~~ give up any of their rights. When further sacrifices are required, we shall call upon all groups to make such sacrifices and not upon labor alone.

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FOOTBALL

Quite a thrill ^{went thru} ~~in~~ the football world, ^{today;} and you won't have much trouble guessing what it's about. Yes, that Cornell-Dartmouth affair on Saturday. It's no longer to be considered a Cornell seven-to-three victory. Dartmouth wins, three-to-nothing.

This afternoon a number of football celebrities were busily engaged in the process popularly known as "acknowledging the corn." The referee who officiated at the game admitted he had made a mistake. The authorities of Cornell University acknowledged defeat in most handsome and sportsmanlike terms. Even Cornell Coach, Carl Snavelly, made a bow to his rival at Dartmouth and congratulated him in glowing terms. And indeed, it surely is an occasion for glowing terms. Cornell, the team unbeaten in sixteen games, the outstanding rampaging invincible outfit of the East, accepts defeat from a Dartmouth team which had the experting, the prophesying and the betting all against it.

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First of all, the referee, Red Friesell, announced that after studying the evidence carefully, including charts kept by newspaper men and motion pictures, he is convinced that he was wrong in those dramatic last few seconds of play on Saturday. Cornell

on that crucial maneuver;
had already had four downs, [^]so when the men from Ithaca scored,
it was on an illegal fifth down play.

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The next move was made by Cornell. Actually, the
University above ~~Saxony~~ Cayuga's waters, could still have
claimed the game, as neither the referee nor the Intercollegiate
Association had any authority to ^{order} ~~further~~ the score of the game
changed. But the Cornell authorities did the sportsmanlike thing.
First of all, The Director of Athletics at Cornell, telegraphed
the Director of Athletics at Dartmouth, saying:- "Cornell
relinquishes its claims to victory and extends congratulations."
And then Coach Snavely sent a wire to Coach Blaik, saying that he
concedes without reservation the victory to Dartmouth with hearty
congratulations, to ^{Blaik and the} ~~the new and~~ gallant Dartmouth team. To which
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came the reply:- "Dartmouth accepts the victory and your
congratulations and salutes the Cornell team - the honorable
and honored opponents of her longest unbroken football rivalry."
And tonight you may believe there's jubilation at Hanover, New

Hampshire. [^]And Hugh, what are you

59 1/4 celebrating?