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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Victory news from Russia comes in so fast, it's difficult to keep up with it. The Red armies are now beginning to push the Germans back ~~even faster~~ ^{more rapidly} than they themselves were pushed last summer and fall.

This morning's news prepared us for the beginning of the siege of Rostov. As the day progressed, it became probable that there ~~would~~ not be any siege, that the Soviet army might recapture the place by assault any hour. A late dispatch from London tonight brings word that the great city at the mouth of the Don may fall any moment.

On the heels of that, comes a special communique from Moscow that the Russians have retaken Kursk, of which the Nazis had made such a powerful base ~~at~~ ^{Kursk}

a hundred and twenty-five miles north of Karkov. In the same communique, they announced the retaking of Korocha, seventy-five miles northeast of Kharkov and eighty miles to the southeast of Kursk.

And, The Soviet high command announces the capture of much booty at Kursk. ^{TP} The city fell as a result of a swift attack under Major General Chermakovsky.

To begin with, Kursk is not such a large place. Its population was no more than seventy-five thousand. But after the Germans took it in November, Nineteen Forty-One, they turned it into one of the strongest of ~~km~~ their so-called hedge-hop places in Russia; ~~it was~~ ^{An} anchor post of their winter line. Therefore, the sudden capture of Kursk looms up as one of the really

spectacular successes of the Russian armies this year.

It is believed that the Germans fled after a perfunctory defense, to save themselves from being surrounded and wiped out like the Sixth Army.
As for Rostov, the heavy artillery of the

Soviets began to shell it early today. This morning,

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there was a rumor in Stockholm that the Reds were already
in the outskirts of Rostov. ^{That} ~~It~~ was unofficial and
considered doubtful. But, later, the same report came
more circumstantially from Turkey. The radio in Ankara
^{tells of}
~~reported that there was~~ fighting in the streets.

~~Stockholm, but there was no confirmation of it.~~

Moscow reported ~~quite early~~, officially, ^{today} that its armies had cleared all of the Nazis from the south

bank of the Don River. Also, ~~which sounds a bit strange,~~

^{that} the river is frozen to a thickness of nineteen to

twenty-seven inches. Consequently, the attacking Red Army

can move across the big stream ^{at will,} ~~whenever it gets ready.~~

~~In fact, instead of succumbing to a siege it begins,~~

~~even now to look as though the Russians would recapture~~

~~Rostov by storm at almost any hour.~~

The Berlin high command continues to try to give the impression that the Russians are advancing

because the Germans are executing a strategic withdrawal

according to plan. Half of that may be true. But the

whole truth is that the raising of the siege of

Stalingrad compelled the Germans to retreat. The

destruction of the Nazi Sixth Army there imperiled every

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German soldier in southern Russia. ^{TP} The Nazis make a great point of claiming that they withdrew in the Caucasus without any pressure from the Russians. ^{well, the} ~~The~~ probability seems to be that Hitler's ^e ~~gen~~erals are doing their utmost to evacuate their troops in the Caucasus by way of Novorossisk. ^{And} There is every indication of the fiercest kind of fighting around that place, with the Nazis trying desperately to retain their beachhead there. And that means another Dunkirk evacuation.

^{By now it is even} ~~It is by no means impossible~~ that the Nazi garrison at Rostov is cut off. ^{For} There is reason to believe that the Reds have crossed the estuary of the Don ~~River~~ ^{crossing} at a point west of Rostov, over the ice. The Nazis made a powerful attempt to save the ^{or} garrison, with counter-attack. But the Soviet generals had concentrated machine guns and mortars and drove back that counter-attack.

HITLER FOLLOW LEAD

One bit of news from Berlin appears to be an answer to the ~~newest~~ rumors that Hitler is dead. The Berlin radio broadcast a story of a meeting at the Fuehrer's headquarters on the Russian front. It was a meeting, according to Radio Berlin, of Nazi district leaders and gauleiters. The story continues that Hitler made them a speech outlining the hugeness of the task facing the German people and the seriousness of their plight. Radio Berlin reported further that the speech was full of ~~the utmost~~ ^{the utmost} determination and confidence in victory. And he is reported to have said further that after this war, the German people would have such hardness ~~and~~ of spirit and such gigantic energy as would ~~be~~ ^{make them} invincible.

All of ~~that, you will recognize, is quite in~~ ^{which may be in} character with previous Hitler speeches. ~~At the same~~ ^{But,}

time, it seems curious that he should have kept it for a mere handful of party officials ~~and not have broadcast it~~ ^{to the nation.} instead of addressing the nation ~~last sat.~~

EUROPE

John Bull and Uncle Sam

The air forces of ~~Britain and the United States~~
are now hammering away at the Nazi defenses of Europe
in one long non-stop raid. ~~They were~~ *Attacking* along a
line that ranged from the coast of France to the mainland
of Italy and to Sicily and Sardinia. American Flying
Fortresses are operating by day, and the Royal Air Force

by night. *TR* The heaviest attack of the Britons was aimed

at Lorient on the French coast, where the Germans have
their biggest U-boat base. *There they met* ~~They encountered~~ very little

opposition ~~flak~~ until they started bombing. British Lancasters
dropped their two-ton blockbusters on the place. As they
left, they saw a red glow and a column of smoke seven
thousand feet high.

Sardinia, Naples and Sicily were bombed by our *own*
four-motored planes based on Africa. Four of our heavy
bombers are reported missing. The raid on Sardinia was
carried out by the Twelfth United States Air Force *under* ~~of~~

Major General James H. Doolittle.

And that one
~~The Doolittle raid~~

was followed ~~up~~ by a visit of British Wellingtons of
the Royal Air Force, ^{which} ~~They~~ attacked the great enemy
airdrome that had been built on the southern coast of
the island.

These air operations ^{make up} ~~constitute~~ the
principal news from Africa today.

~~The raids~~

~~are being pushed with increasing~~
~~ferocity.~~ *And, Evidently they presage*
a major attack on the axis forces
in Tunisia.

~~But~~ ^{have already} a late communique from Allied headquarters
brings word that the French [^] attacked and captured an

important hill position in the Kebir Valley of Central

Tunisia. [^] *And that* They also defeated and drove back a Nazi

force that tried to counter-attack in the Ousseltia

Valley.

BURMA

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And, An all day battle is reported in Burma. Sir Archibald Wavell's army of Indians and British has ^{now} pushed its way to within twenty miles of ~~Akayab~~ Akyab.

There, the Japanese put up a stubborn fight. But

Wavell's fighters drove them back. ^{TP} His army consists,

^{we hear, of} ~~virtually of Indians~~ Indian troopers and youthful

British officers. ^{TP} Much of the fighting is through

thick undergrowth. ^{And the report is} ~~almost as thick as the jungle.~~

^{that} But the Indians have shown themselves highly adept

in the Japanese tactics of filtering through the enemy

line, ^{and} getting behind them ^{— — —} beating the Japs at their

own strategy.

Some of our vital industries are threatened by labor shortages, ^{putting} ~~which put~~ the whole Allied cause in danger. That warning was uttered to a group of Senators today by ~~none other than~~ former President ~~Herbert~~ Hoover. The ^{se} shortages ^{he said,} are on the farms, in the oil fields and in the mines. The consequence ^{he added,} will be an extremely grave scarcity of food, metals and oil unless no fewer than one million workers are shifted from other jobs or from service in the armed forces.

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Mr. Hoover warned the Senators that wars are not won or lost exclusively on the battlefield. They may be lost on the homefront.

The Ex-President was accompanied by former Ambassador Hugh Gibson, ^{who} ~~He~~ suggested that wherever it is possible, soldiers and sailors should be given furloughs to help farmers plant and harvest ^{their} crops. He pointed out that there is a scarcity of butter because

one million two hundred thousand dairy cows were slaughtered in the last six months of Nineteen Forty-Two, one million two hundred thousand more than the usual number of cattle slaughtered, ~~And that was~~ because dairy farmers despaired of obtaining either labor or machinery, and just threw up their hands and quit.

Ex-President Hoover said he doubted the Germans would be ~~any~~ knocked out before Nineteen/Forty-Four. And a conclusive world victory, he thought, would take longer. The United States, he warned us, ought to plan for at least three more years of war; ~~and a~~ prudent nation would ~~envisage five years.~~ ^{and he said that a} ^{set all set for 5 more years of war.}

TAXES

Another Washington official came out today in favor of pay-as-you-go income taxes: ~~That was~~ Harold D. Smith, Director of the Budget. ^{Director Smith} ~~He~~ urged that a law to that effect ~~should~~ be passed by April First. He had no specific plan to offer, but he said Congress ought to make some adjustment so as not to force taxpayers to pay two years' taxes in one.

Congressman Robertson of Virginia ^{spoke out} ~~said~~ today ^{and}

^{insisted} that taxation schedules ^{should} ~~ought to~~ be simplified. ~~He said~~

~~He knew~~ ^(knows He spoke of) the case of a miner who had heard nothing about

the Victory Tax. So when his first January check was five per cent short, he demanded to know why. When the bookkeeper at the mine told him it was for the Victory Tax, he asked:- "What Victory Tax; did we win?"

PAPER

~~Some newspapers in the last couple of years have been pretty scornful of Congress. A group of Representatives today started a movement, ^{to prevent} ~~of repentance~~ ~~which should heap ashes on the heads of these publishers.~~ It was a movement to prevent any further reduction in the output of newsprint paper.~~

Representative Fred Bradley of Michigan called a conference of fifty Republican Congressmen, ~~and these~~ named a committee to take action to help the newspapers ~~with their present newsprint problem.~~ Congressman Schaefer of Michigan warned his colleagues that the War Production Board is meditating a cut of probably as high as fifty ^{per} cent in the country's newsprint. ^{Which} ~~this~~ he said, would eliminate practically every newspaper in the country with a circulation of fifteen to twenty thousand or over. A group of bureaucrats in Washington, ^{declared} ~~said~~ the Congressman, are aiming to wreck the paper industry and cripple the press; ^{and that the} ~~the~~ Office of Civilian Supply is about to declare

paper-making a non-deferrable industry. It is the
responsibility of Congress, ~~he~~ said, ^{the Michigan Congressman} to protect the
country's press.

RUTLEDGE

Once more there
~~There~~ are now ^{nine} justices of the Supreme Court
~~of the United States~~ *once more,* For quite a while there had been
only eight, since Associate Justice Byrnes resigned to
become Director of Economic Stabilization. The Senators
today confirmed President Roosevelt's nomination of
Wiley Rutledge to the high bench. The only protest, ^{on this} came
from Senator William Langer of North Dakota, ^{who said} ~~He pointed~~
~~out~~ that Rutledge, like all the other Roosevelt nominees,
to the Supreme Court, ^{had} has [^] but little experience as a
jurist. He used to be a teacher of law, ^{but had} ~~He~~ never
practiced law, ^{sen,} said Langer, and never had been even in
a courtroom until he took his seat on the Circuit Court
of Appeals in Washington a few years ago.

~~Langer continued that the only justification,~~
~~that he could find for the nomination was that Rutledge,~~
~~comes from Iowa City, the home of Harry Hopkins. And,~~
~~that, said Langer, should be a reason to disqualify him,~~

The other Senators were not impressed ^{evidently} ~~for they~~ ^{with}
^{Sen. Langer's objection} ^{for}
^ approved the Rutledge nomination by a voice vote.
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MRS. R.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is now an honorary
squaw of the ~~Penobscot~~ Penobscot Indians. This ^{being} ~~is~~ her
reward for launching a large wooden vessel at Camden,
Maine. ^{Which} She christened ^{the} "Pine Tree." It ['] is a barge;
and [^] the largest wooden vessel to come down ^{the} ~~in the American~~
[^] ways ^{in this country} in twenty years. After the ceremony, the Penobscot
tribe initiated the First Lady and presented her with a
ceremonial headdress.

LOUIS

A child was born in Chicago today, whose father is inscribed on the rolls of the Army as Corporal Barrow. To you he is Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis.

It's a girl.

SHOES

The principal reaction to yesterday's shoe rationing order was that for the first time it had been done properly. People commented that if the freezing of other articles to be rationed had been done so promptly, a lot of confusion and a lot of hoarding would have been avoided.

even today
Nevertheless, [^] there were misunderstandings.

As the order was read over the air at first, the impression got out that shoe sales were to be frozen as of midnight last night. The consequence was that a lot of customers flocked to their shoe dealers and got them to open up even though it was Sunday.

In Detroit, ~~xxx~~ federal agents and police rushed in to stop the sale of shoes in a couple of stores.

At Farmington, Missouri, ^{one} ~~a~~ dealer was ~~quite~~ innocently done out of a fishing trip. He opened his place as a favor to a regular customer, thinking to make just one

and just about the whole sale. Promptly, ~~the entire~~ population of the town flocked in, and he could not get them out for three hours. ~~He could have kept open all night. It ~~xxx~~ cost him his~~ fishing trip.

In Washington, D.C., many government ~~employees~~ employees got wind of the order and rushed to the stores. ~~So said the storekeepers,~~ ~~but~~ ~~the~~ O.P.A. officials denied it. Saturday night. In New York City, Mayor LaGuardia tipped a number of people off by radio, and they rushed to the ~~Jewish~~ quarters where ^{for religious reasons} the dealers who close on Saturday are open for business on Sunday.

In Chicago, there is Maxwell Street, which does business three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. Maxwell Street became so crowded that the Police Commissioner closed down that market for the first time in the history of Chicago.

It was conceded that the ration allowance of three pairs of shoes a year ~~will be a hardship to the~~ ^{may complicate matters}

in some where children wear
~~children in large families who wear the cheaper grades~~
 out their shoes in a hurry. That's
~~of shoes which wear out quickly~~ If the order is not
 one report.
~~amended to favor children, it may be the return of~~
~~mama's barefoot boy.~~

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Price Administrator Prentiss Brown issued a word
 of caution. Don't feel you have to use up all your
 stamps unless it is absolutely necessary. The ensuing
 months ^{said he,} may alter the picture. ^{So -} Get the utmost wear out of
 the shoes you now have. ~~No one can guess very far ahead,~~
~~he added.~~

And now Hugh, to
 save your shoes, will
 you step over here in your
 stocking feet and tell
 what you have on your mind!

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