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~~The Yanks of~~ General Hodges's First Army

went over the top today, north of Aix-la-Chappelle.

a tremendous burst
The attack began with ~~a big volume~~ of fire power. *from*
Hundreds of guns; long tom ~~snipers~~ *and* giant two-hundred-
and-forty-millimeter Howitzers, ~~and others laid down a~~
~~cordon of shells~~ to soften up the German lines before
the ~~dough~~ boys "went over." The weather was good for the
first time in many days, so the foot ~~slogging~~ infantry
had the additional help of four hundred medium bombers
and a hundred dive bombers.

They forced the passage of the Wurm River,
in the face of a terrific resistance from the Germans.

They ~~met~~ *met* the cream of the Nazi army ~~to fight~~ there;
with ~~and the enemy have adopted~~ *using* new tactics. Instead of
putting their infantry in pill boxes, they deployed ~~them~~ *most of*
~~around~~ *ed* and support them with mortar fire. Furthermore,
they have innumerable rows of foxholes behind the

pill boxes, and the Germans defend every foxhole as though it were their last stand. In Aix-la-Chappelle itself they are making new pill boxes ~~on the spur of the~~ *by pouring concrete around* ~~about~~ *by digging in* their tanks, ~~and reinforcing them~~ *at* ~~with cement~~. Like the Russian ⁵defenders ¹of Stalingrad, ¹they are building barricades and stringing chains across the streets of Aix-la-Chappelle. It is a battle with bayonet^t, hand-grenades and flame throwers, the biggest attack since ^{the}~~our~~ ¹doughboys made the big break-through at St. Lo in Normandy.

The dispatch reports that a trainload ~~full~~ of ammunition and supplies was on its way to the ^{Nazi}garrison there. The engineer made the mistake of stopping just east of the city and blowing his whistle. A quick reply was a storm of shells, which smashed the train to bits.

Gen. Hodges is advancing on a twenty mile front, and
has pushed two miles into the Siegfried Line. This

~~breaks~~
 offensive ~~break~~ a stalemate at that point ~~which~~ had
 lasted two weeks.

In the north, the Canadian First Army
~~made~~
~~accomplished~~ another crossing of the frontier into
 Holland. There the Germans are hurling one ~~ferocious~~
 counter-attack after another against the British
 holding the tip of the salient below Arnhem. But the
 British threw back every attack.

To the south, ~~over~~ ~~Yankee~~ columns ~~made~~
 invasion of German territory by capturing ~~next~~ ~~a border~~ town
 fifteen miles northeast of the city of Luxembourg. ~~a~~
~~town on the border.~~ ~~And~~ General Patch's ~~men~~ have
 advanced still further toward Belfort.

~~As far as~~ ~~Patton~~ ~~his troops have thrown~~
~~Yanks drove all~~ the Germans out of
 the forest of Gremecy, fourteen miles north of Nancy.
~~They also took a town fifteen miles northeast of Nancy.~~
~~However, the Germans for the second time drove them out~~

~~of a nearby town which they had captured twice.~~

In Belgium, the Nazis are withdrawing from the
outskirts of Antwerp. ^{and} The Dutch inhabitants of the
islands in the estuary of the Scheldt River received a
radio warning today from General Eisenhower's
headquarters, ^{ing} This informed them that ^{we are} ~~Eisenhower was~~
about to begin a heavy bombardment, ^{there.} ~~of that area.~~
~~Evidently,~~ ^{he can} He wants to clear the mouth of the Scheldt
so ~~as to be able to~~ use the port of Antwerp to land
^{further} supplies for the invasion of Germany.

of our own, American planes.
six hundred ~~on our side~~ However, casualties not
sustained in combat have increased the total of the
losses of our army planes to forty-two thousand, ~~which~~
~~sounds like a bad note~~ Of those, more than seventeen
thousand-five hundred were lost in the continental
United States as a result of training, transport and
patrol accidents.

AIR WAR

The Allies resumed strategic air warfare today in greater force than ever. No fewer than twelve—hundred of Uncle Sam's Fortresses and Liberators bombed Cologne, Hamm and Kassel. ~~These are~~ ^{all} vital railroad centers through which the Nazis have to supply their armies along ^{that} a two hundred and seventy-five mile front—the Siegfried, and Rhine line. And, a force of around ~~one~~ thousand American fighter planes covered the big bombers.

Since Pearl Harbor, our air forces have dropped a total of one million tons of bombs on our enemies. Almost half that volume ~~was dropped~~ since D-Day, June Sixth. So we learn from General ~~Hap~~ ^{our} Arnold, [^] Commander of the Air.

General Arnold ~~said further~~ ^{added} that ~~our Army~~ Air Forces have a combat superiority of two-to-one over the enemy; ~~They~~ have destroyed more than twenty-seven thousand enemy planes, ^{to a loss of} ~~and lost only~~ fourteen thousand

RUSSIA

The Russians, ~~have been doing their most active~~
~~fighting in the Balkans.~~ Side by side with Bulgarian
troops, ~~they~~ are advancing on a hundred-and-sixty mile
front towards the railroad ^{that runs} from Belgrade to Athens;

~~That they want to seize because it is~~ the main route

by which the Nazis ^{will} ~~can~~ escape from the Balkans. ^{if they}
~~escape.~~ TP And,

~~Further north,~~ another Soviet army has captured
Szeged, the second largest city in Hungary.

^{Russian}
Then again, the Second ^{Russian} Army of the Ukraine,

is crossing the Danube in ~~even~~ greater force than ever,

^{pushing a}
German army ~~has been driven~~ ^{some} back twenty-five miles

~~inside of~~ Yugoslavia. The Fourteenth Corps of ~~Marshal~~

Tito's Partisan forces is also cooperating with the

Russians, driving from the east toward Belgrade, ^{and} ~~They've~~

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captured ~~a~~ a town only nineteen miles south of the

Jugoslav capital.

The Nazis have twenty-seven divisions - some

hundred and fifty thousand men - in Yugoslavia, ^{these} and
they are in a ^{tough spot now, with} ~~most difficult position~~, because the
~~attacks of the Partisan army are constantly punching~~
~~holes in the~~ ^{tearing apart} ~~German~~ ^{their} supply lines.

BALKANS FOLLOW RUSSIA

The Allies are ^{tightening} ~~drawing~~ the blockade around those Germans in the Balkans, ~~ever tighter~~, with amphibious operations, as well as air raids. A broadcast from Paris reports that they have landed in northwestern Crete, but there is no confirmation of that. At the same time, it would be a logical operation after the landing on the island of Cythera, only fifty miles ~~away~~ from Crete.

The Germans are evacuating their garrisons ~~an~~ in the island^s of the Aegean, ~~but~~ a communique from the Middle East headquarters reports that this operation is becoming increasingly expensive for the enemy. The Paris radio claims that the British army which landed in southern Albania has made contact with the Greek patriots on the frontier between Albania and Greece.

VICTORY FOLLOW EASTERN FRONT

All this prognosticating about a quick victory over the Nazis doesn't sit well with our lads at the front. The word is that they are riled when they receive letters from families and friends at home talking about the imminent collapse of the Germans. Apparently our ~~men~~ military men over there think that the German army is not beaten yet, not by a long shot!

Field Marshal ~~Monty~~ Montgomery -- Monte of El Alamein -- on the other hand, continues to say that the German army is licked. Monty has just repeated that statement to Hugh Baillie, President of the United Press.

But, American front line commanders are convinced that the war in Germany will continue through the coming winter and into the Spring of Nineteen Forty-five. And so do the boys who are fighting the Hun.

Our commanders are saying that all this talk about a quick surrender is harmful -- bad for morale.

When a wartired soldier receives newspapers and letters from home telling him the war is about to end, well, how can you expect him to risk his life with the same grim determination that he would if he thought there was still a big job ahead?

H - before I go on
tell us about our sponsor
- Stan. of Calif.

RACKET

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One of the subjects of Adolf Hitler invented himself a new kind of racket. Last July, in one of the Allied air raids over Hamburg, a bomb hit this man's house. He filed an indemnity claim with the Nazi government and to his astonishment received a handsome sum of money.

So he decided to make it a business. What this business amounted to was betting as to the accuracy of the British and American bombers. He figured out where the next bombs would fall and went out and rented furnished rooms and houses in those districts. Most of the time his guess was correct, whereupon he filed claims for ~~the~~ loss of clothing and personal effects.

He was doing quite well at this, but like most racketeers he went too far. He claimed ten thousand marks for the death of a wife and two children. That was bad, because the Gestapo checked up on him and

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found he was a bachelor, living a life of ease and

Whereupon he
merriment in cafes. ~~He~~ was tried, convicted and

hanged. *That's what they do to
all racketeers in Naziland.*

the Palau group
On the islands of ~~Peleliu~~ and ~~Augur~~, Uncle Sam's

forces have killed ten thousand, a hundred and fifty-one Japanese and captured a hundred and eighty-seven, since Saturday. Admiral Nimitz announces this tonight. The Navy has already established a military government on Augur.

There are still a few fanatical Japs holding out in foxholes. But Uncle Sam's Marines and Infantry are rapidly mopping them up.

BRAWL

All Washington is talking tonight about a brawl ~~that happened~~ at the Statler Hotel on September Twenty-Third, after President Roosevelt delivered his address to the Teamsters' Union.

A couple of naval officers, battle-fatigued patients at the nearby Naval Hospital, had gone to the hotel to attend a dance. They found the dance had been postponed. As they were in the mezzanine, a group of guests from the banquet came up to them, told them about the President's speech, and asked the naval officers about their politics. *How did they feel about President Roosevelt?* These men ^{asked} said they were members of the Teamsters' Union. The naval officers replied that what they asked was none of their business. So the men who said they were Teamsters accused the officers of being disloyal to the service and to their Commander-in-Chief.

The men who said they were Teamsters then

asked the officers how the armed forces felt about unions. / The officers replied they knew nothing about it and did not care to say anything.

What happened was told by Lieutenant Randolph Dickins, Jr., of the Navy. He said at this point he saw the Teamsters were holding his friend down in a chair and arguing with him, ^{and that a} ~~Then a fellow about~~ six ~~feet~~ took a swing at the officer, while he was still seated. ~~When upon~~ Lieutenant Dickins tried to get up to help his friend, ^{But} someone grabbed him from behind, ^{someone else} ~~and another one~~ hit him in the left eye. ^{Lt.} Now Dickins, who happens to be a hero of the Battle of Midway, is six feet two, ^{and he} ~~he~~ fought free of the men who were holding him, and started to lay about him with his fists. The Teamsters by this time had pushed Lieutenant Dickins' friend into a telephone booth and were punching him there.

Dickins knocked one man to the deck, as he puts it, whereupon three other Teamsters swung at him from all sides. One of the men in the group accused him of having beaten up a personal friend of President Roosevelt's, and threatened him with discipline by higher authorities.

Well, The officers were rescued by two men of the shore patrol. *then,* But even as they were being escorted to shore patrol headquarters, *he said that* the attacking Teamsters ran alongside, trying to punch those naval officers, both invalids and one a hero of the Battle of Midway!

STOWAWAY

A young lady who entered the United States as a stowaway has had an interesting career, although she is only nineteen years old. She is ~~xxxx~~ a pretty Irish girl, Elizabeth McLeod. In the last three years, she has been engaged to eight American soldiers and four sailors. Her fiances were not simultaneous. She just never became a bride because American servicemen overseas have to wait six months before they can marry. And all of Miss McLeod's prospective husbands were transferred before the six months waiting period was up.

Finally, she persuaded a couple of American army officers to hide her in a coffin and fly her in a bomber from Belfast to Scotland. There she met a lad in the Merchant Marine, a lad from Youngstown, Ohio, who fell in love with Miss McLeod and, with the help of a shipmate smuggled her aboard in a sailor's uniform. For thirty-three days she hid in a locker, five days

in port and twenty-eight during the crossing of the Atlantic.

She is not going to marry the young Merchant Marine sailor from Youngstown, although she has been staying at Youngstown with his family. She met a soldier she likes better, she explains, who is going to marry her as soon as he can.

Meanwhile, however, the old Gentleman-with-the-Whiskers has taken a hand, because even pretty girls from Ireland are not allowed to enter the United States as stowaways. So now she has a lot of explaining to do to the immigration authorities.

Married ladies of my acquaintance assure me that Miss McLeod has gone to more effort to get a husband than any husband is worth.

~~How about it Hugh~~

BASEBALL

8 The happiest town in the United States tonight is the old city of Saint Louis once the center of the fur trade. There is a much oversung song called The St. Louis Blues but there are no blues in Saint Louis tonight. The slogan is The St. Louis Browns. And what a fight those ball players went through. ^{Yes,} They are the pennant winners of the American League, ^{for the first} ~~and all~~ *time in the history of the club.* ~~power and honor to them~~

Of course, they have a ~~terrible~~ tough opponent ~~to meet~~ in that Gas House Gang, the Cardinals of their own town. ^{And} The odds are pretty heavy because the Gas House Gang flew through the national league like the man on the flying trapeze. But this is one series where the sympathy of American fans all over the country will be with the underdog. ^{in their league,} The Browns, ^{had} a fight until ^{8 1/2} the very last call of the umpire.

~~What~~ ^{What} ~~there will be~~ a break for the sports reporters of the St. Louis newspaper. A five cent series.

Anyhow I'm rooting for the St. L. Browns! How about you Hugh?

RUMELY

*Dropped
from late
show.*

A federal grand jury at Washington today indicted Dr. Edward A. Rumely, executive secretary of the Committee for Constitutional Government. The indictment charges Dr. Rumely with contempt. It says that he refused to obey a subpoena of the campaign expenditures of the House of Representatives, a subpoena ordering him to produce the records showing who had contributed to his Committee, and how much.

ITALY

In Italy, the ~~Yanks of the~~ Fifth Army ~~have not~~ ^{is battle}
the main body of Field Marshal von Kesselring's forces.
~~They are deployed~~ along the approaches to the valley
of the Po River, ~~an important industrial district.~~

In four days, the Germans have hurled four fierce
counter-attacks against the Fifth, but ~~the Yanks~~ ^{Gen. Charles men} have
driven them back. ^{Soon, hope to} they ~~can~~ break through, ~~along~~
^{and then} ~~that road, they will~~ smash Kesselring's army ~~and~~
^{its} ~~effectively~~ cut off ~~the~~ retreat ~~of those Nazi units.~~

CHINA

The Chinese ^{said to} are ~~resenting bitterly~~ the statement made by ~~Prime Minister~~ Winston Churchill in the ~~House of~~ Commons last week that the Allies had been sending them lavish help. A spokesman for the Chinese Military Council at Chungking declared, on the contrary that the United States had sent pitifully inadequate aid to Chiang Kai-shek's armies. He made the further statement that the total tonnage of supplies which we sent to eastern China from Nineteen Forty-One down to the present hour, would not sustain a single British or American division in combat for one week.

While the spokesman said this, the Japanese armies in southeastern China were hitting the Chinese harder than ever. There two main advancing columns are within less than a hundred miles of joining up in the Province of Kwangsi. As we have been hearing, that will split China from north to south, and isolate the

Chinese^a~~se~~ coast. In two months, the Japs have forced
the Fourteenth ~~United States~~ Air Force to abandon
no fewer than four strategic bases in East China,
including Kweilin.