

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Nearer and nearer we come to
~~We are coming closer and closer to the~~

the
heart of ~~the~~ Japanese power in the Pacific. Late
this evening came the dramatic news that a strong
American fleet has attacked the Jap~~anese~~^s at a point
only four hundred and fifty miles from the Philippines.
The battle is ~~going on at this moment~~ *on right now.* It began
at daybreak on Wednesday, with an attack by a powerful
U. S. task force on the Palau Islands. ~~This is a~~

a
group ~~some~~^a thousand-and-fifty-five miles west of
Truk; west, *right you see!*

In one respect it failed in its purpose,
which was to inveigle the main Japanese fleet into
a show down battle. But the Japs once again ~~showed~~
~~they~~ were too *cunning* ~~for~~ for that. They ran away. As soon
as enemy planes spotted the American warships ~~approaching~~
approaching, the Japanese ships fanned out, scattered,

and steamed off before Uncle Sam's men-o-war could get a crack at them.

The Palau archipelago is a string of atolls ninety miles long between Truk and the Philippines.

There are ~~xxxx~~ some two hundred small islands in it, most of them heavily wooded. One of them ~~has an~~

area of a
~~100~~ hundred-and-forty-two square miles. It's at the

western end of the Carolines; and before the war

was one of the principal bases for Japanese airlines

running between Tokio and the island ~~of~~ ^{of Timor} Any

way you look at it ^{there} ~~it~~ is the most spectacular ^{business} undertaken.

~~insured~~ ^{piece of strategy} that Admiral Chester Nimitz has yet ~~attempted~~

It goes far west of any American attack that has yet

been launched in the Pacific. It by-passes the Jap

stronghold at Truk and the other bases which they

still hold firm in the Carolines.

Naturally we are not told the composition

of the ^e ~~task~~ task force. But, a spokesman for Nimitz

allowed that it's similar in make-up to those which

attacked Truk. ^{Meaning} ~~That means~~ of course that it includes

carriers, battleships, cruisers and destroyers.

Altogether this is the most exciting event of the month and we ~~may well wait~~ ^{we'll all be} eagerly ^{waiting} for the ~~next bulletins~~ ^{next bulletins} ~~farther news that is to come~~.

While this great battle was ~~getting under~~ ^{was} General Douglas MacArthur sent his Flying Forts and Liberators from bases in the Solomons to attack islands in the Truk lagoon. ~~They~~ ^{They} also raided an island called Woleai, three hundred and eighty miles to the south of Guam ~~and~~ and four hundred and sixty miles west of Truk. The Seventh U. S. Air Force ~~also~~ ^{likewise} attacked Rabaul in New Britain and Wewak in New Guinea. Altogether, these raids bagged a total of one hundred and seventy-two Jap planes.

BURMA

Also The news from Burma ~~tonight~~ is ~~a little~~ more favorable. Reports from ~~Lord Louis~~ Mountbatten's headquarters talked of a pincers movement closing on the Japanese in the north. In the Mogaung Valley, General Stillwell's *Chinese and American* ~~United States and Chinese~~ troops are pushing ahead to meet the British Commando fighters, ~~who~~ were transported by air into Burma and are now driving up the railroad from Mandalay. The two forces *tonight are* ~~are now~~ less than ninety miles apart. Once they have joined up, the Japs in northern Burma will be caught in a trap and the way will be prepared for reopening communications between India and China over land. Two Japanese infantry battalions are already surrounded in the Mogaung Valley.

New Delhi also reports that the four Japanese columns driving into the state of Manipur have been checked by British planes and heavy artillery.

RUSSIA

I think your correct pronunciation
confuses most listeners - *Cheer nuh oots!*

The troops of Soviet Russia have [^]Cernauti,
third largest city in Rumania, ~~and the~~ gateway to the
the city that
Balkans; [^] covers the approaches not only to Rumania
but to Hungary.

The news came first from Berlin, which announced
that the town had been evacuated. Moscow, a few hours
later, reported that it had been taken by storm, after
bloody fighting in the streets. Stalin made it the
occasion of another order of the day, and celebrated it
with twenty salvos of artillery.

Cheer nuh-oots!
Be that as it may, Cernauti was occupied by
the First Ukrainian Army under Marshal Zhukov. ^{Less}
than thirty miles west of his advance guards, is the
Tatar Pass, through the Carpathians. If they push
through that, the Red columns can ^{then} invade the eastern
part of old Czechoslovakia. ^{also} They can ~~also~~ outflank
all the German and Rumanian positions along the Prut

and
River; That will lay the entire eastern frontier of Rumania open to invasion.

The Berlin bulletins today ^{*intimate*} ~~state~~ that the Nazis are preparing to evacuate Odessa. The way they put it is that their troops disengaged themselves from the enemy along the lower reaches of the Bug River in the Ukraine. However, the Germans also insist that they checked the enemy south of Balta, and in the region between the Dniester and the Prut Rivers. The Soviet armies tonight are probably less than fifty miles ~~away~~ from Odessa.

~~Broadcasts from Vichy and dispatches from Stockholm report that there is fierce fighting for Jassy that other important place in eastern Rumania.~~

The official newspaper of the Soviet Government today printed an appeal for an agreement between the United States, Great Britain and Russia, over the political situation in Italy. ~~An editorial~~

AIR WAR

The most dramatic event of the air war over
Europe today was ^{another} ~~an~~ attack on Sofia. ~~It was~~ Carried
out by the largest force of ^{U.S.} ~~United States~~ heavy bombers
ever sent out from Italy ^{to blast} ~~against~~ a single target.

As the Flying Forts and Liberators turned for home,
they left the capital of Bulgaria ablaze, ^{with} ~~the~~ flames
flaring ten thousand feet ~~up~~ into the sky, ^{flames that} ~~and~~ could
be seen for fifty miles ^{or more.} ~~around.~~ No figures were given

out, but the guessing is that no fewer than four
hundred heavy bombers took part in the attack. They
ran into heavy ack-ack and exceptional ⁱⁿ strong fighter
opposition. Our formations destroyed several enemy
interceptors.

~~This was~~ The second raid on Sofia in two days;
the fifth this month.

CHURCHILL

Prime Minister Winston Churchill achieved ~~another~~ ^{that expected} triumph in the House of Commons today. He won a vote of confidence for his government, an overwhelming vote -- four hundred and twenty-five to twenty-three.

The members debated only two hours, while Churchill, with his ^{grim} ~~grim~~ st expression, sat frowning at them, ^{from} ~~at~~ his front seat on the government bench. He himself contributed only one sentence ^{to} ~~in~~ the debate, shortly after it began. He referred to the issue which had caused that government defeat on Tuesday, a defeat by one vote. The Prime Minister used these words:

"Until we are fortified by a vote of confidence from the House, taking the form of a deletion of this clause, the government does not feel entitled to embark upon promises."

~~The issue was simply enough, according to our~~

way of thinking, not of a character to produce a crisis
in the U.S.A. It was a simple question of equal pay
for women and men teachers. ^{Which} ~~That~~ seems mild when you
compare it with the veto of the Tax Bill, which caused
our own ^{"Dear Alben"} ~~Senator Barkley~~ to protest against the language
of our President and ^{then} ~~to~~ resign as Majority Leader ^{of the}
~~Senate.~~

In the face of Churchill's challenge, the
House of Commons backed down. He even received the
vote of the woman member who had offered ^{the} ~~that~~ equal-pay
amendment. She voted to strike it ^{out.} However, she did it
~~so~~ under protest. "The Prime Minister," ~~she~~ ^{she} said,
"Has left no other possible course open to us than to
support him in this vote of confidence." And she
added: "In this great democracy of ours, convention for
once seems to have overruled common sense."

~~Over~~ overseas army ~~of the United States~~ now ^{more than} numbers [^] two million, five hundred thousand officers and men. Secretary of War Stimson told us today that this was the number on January First. By the end of the year, it will be doubled, [^] five million, *Americans.*

At his press conference today, the Secretary used plain terms about the Battle of Cassino. "The simple fact," he said, "is that the Germans stopped us." However, he added that it will be a severe setback only if we do not learn our lessons.

~~Apparently a reporter asked him whether that Italian campaign was a test invasion. "By no means," he answered, "and under no circumstances." And he said further that the assault on Cassino has subsided only for the time being.~~ The Germans," he admitted, "have shown ⁿ~~ed~~ [^] again that they are obstinate and effective soldiers. When they are ordered to hold a key point at all costs, they ^{just don't} ~~do not~~ quit."

CHAPLIN

Late this afternoon, the moment arrived in the federal court at Hollywood for which spectators had been eagerly waiting. Defense Lawyer Giesler said: "I call Mr. Chaplin".

To the stand went the short, slim, white-haired man, who is known from California to Calcutta, from London to the Pearl Fisheries of the South Pacific. But the man on the stand was not the little fellow with the bashed-in derby hat, tiny mustache, baggy trousers and canal boat shoes, which are known to all the world. Charles Chaplin in ordinary clothes is a small but distinguished looking rather handsome fellow. And ^{never} ~~never~~ does he look like the villain of the piece. His face this afternoon was deadly serious, his voice low pitched and quiet.

He began by saying he had signed a contract

with Miss Joan Barry in Nineteen Forty-One, and sent her to the Max Reinhardt dramatic school. He coached her himself, and also directed tests of her at the studio, designed her wardrobe, and bought a story in which she was to play a part.

He told the jury he had believed Miss Barry might become an actress, but she had not made good in school. He lost faith in her and she tried to do better for herself at another studio. ~~A few weeks later, she returned to him and he took her on probation.~~

~~He raised her salary from seventy-five to a hundred a week, and sent her to a dentist.~~

He told the court that ^{she} ~~it was Joan Barry who~~ had asked him to send her to New York, after she had failed in a school play. She became hysterical, said Chaplin. He told her he could not let her go to New York, but could not stop her if she wanted to go.

~~He said he refused to pay her fare when she asked him to, because she was earning a hundred a week.~~

Some time later, she burst in upon him while he was dictating to his secretary. She said to him:

"Look here, I am not an actress, I am through acting," and she added: "Hollywood is no good."

Then she said that if he would pay the fare for her and her mother to New York, they could call the whole thing off. To that he agreed, and dismissed the matter from his mind, ~~after paying some bills that Miss Barry owed.~~

~~Such was Charlie Chaplin's testimony today~~

ADD CHAPLIN

Chaplin then gave his version of the time when Miss Barry broke into his house, through a smashed window and ~~burst~~ ^{dashed} into his bedroom with a revolver in her hand.

His children were downstairs at the time, he said, and when he told of that his voice choked ^{eyes. As he recovered, he told how} and tears filled his ~~eyes~~ ^{eyes}. He went out onto the balcony and saw the butler and his two sons below. He told the little fellows there was trouble and they had better go home to their mother. But, they could not go because they did not have a car. All this time Joan was holding the ~~xx~~ gun in her hand. He urged her to ~~stop~~ ^{stop making a scene} because the children were there. She replied that she was destitute and had no place to stay and insisted upon staying there.

Chaplin talked and talked and talked until he broke her down, so he told the jury, ~~xxx~~ and, finally gave her sixty dollars out of his ~~px~~ pocket.

And, that

That was not enough for ~~ma~~ her but he promised her more if she would come the next day and get it from the butler.

~~He admitted instructing his studio manager to buy her tickets to New York and ^{give} ~~give~~ her Five Hundred Dollars. But he denied having any intention of meeting her in New York. When they met in a New York night ~~saloon~~ ^{club} it was not pre-arranged; he had not expected her and she was not of his party.~~

In short, Chaplin contradicted most of the alleged facts that Miss Barry had told on the stand, and completely denied the interpretation she had put onto such events as he admitted.

He then denied that he brought Miss Barry from New York to California. He admitted having given her the three hundred dollars for which she had asked but had no idea she would use it to go back to Hollywood. He gave her the money he said because she told him she needed it, because she had no job and her mother had bills. *And, that*

~~But~~ after he returned to Beverly Hills she annoyed him for ten days with telephone calls.

Such was Charlie Chaplin's testimony from the stand today.

George Bernard Shaw thinks we should have an alphabet of forty-two letters instead of ^{our present} twenty-six. His argument is that the more letters we have, the easier it is to simplify spelling. He points out that in Russian, with an alphabet of thirty-five letters, you can spell his name, "Shaw", with two letters instead of four. From that he draws the curious inference that this will make it exceedingly difficult for the British people to compete economically throughout the world with the Russians.

Maybe some of you listening in can understand that chain of argument. At any rate, Shaw is willing to back up his opinion with money. ^{He says he} ~~is~~ is going to bequeath everything he owns to the establishment of an English alphabet with forty-two letters, that is, provided ~~the~~ war taxation in Britain leaves him anything to bequeath. The great dramatist then used

these words: "If only the British government were as intelligent as I am!"

Still the same old Shaw,

~~Hugh, let's see how intelligent you are~~

[Faint, mostly illegible text]

[Faint, mostly illegible text]

[Faint, mostly illegible text]

[Faint, mostly illegible text]

SEA SERPENT

A sea serpent story in war time! We have ^{not} had one ~~of those for ten or eleven~~ ^{for eleven or twelve} years, ^{now, about} ~~it seems to~~

~~me at least~~ that long since the press of the entire world was full of yarns of the submarine monster that had invaded the peaceful waters of Loch Ness in Scotland. Those tales were so repeated and insistent, that for a long time many people believed them.

The one ~~we have~~ today comes, ~~under decidedly~~ ~~shady auspices. We have it~~ from Radio Vichy, ^{and,} ~~hardly~~ ^{that makes it all the more fishy!} ~~to be regarded as a source of reliable news. The~~

^{The} Vichy radio based ³ its fable on a dispatch in a

Barcelona newspaper. The Barcelona paper, in turn, credits a correspondent in Chile, ^{which is definitely} ~~and that sure is a~~

^a roundabout way to get a story.

Anyway, here it is: A huge monster, covered with hair, emerged from the Pacific Ocean somewhere on the coast of a town somewhere in Chile, and stalked the

streets. It was five yards long and weighed more than
four thousand pounds. After taking a sightseeing tour
of the town and scaring the population ^{half} to death, the
monster returned to the beach, and disappeared in the ^{to} sea.

Just as I'm now going
to vanish from the microphone.

~~The dispatch does not add any information~~

~~— as Roger appears.~~

~~about the scales on which that monster was weighed to~~

~~establish its weight of four thousand pounds.~~

~~As the chorus sings in Gilbert and Sullivan's~~

~~opera, "Iolanthe" -- "Tarradiddle, tarradiddle,~~

~~lol lol-lay.~~

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Ann - This dropped
from late Thurs.

Sec. Stimson today added his voice to the growing chorus of authorities who believe that men rated 4-F should be used in war industries. But he thinks it should be done directly, by legal means, not by the device of drafting them into the army and then sending them into factories. ^{then} If Congress agrees, Congress ought to pass an act drafting the 4-Fs, who number something like one million, ^{draft them} for war work.

HAWAII

At Pearl Harbor, a civilian war worker was accused of having smacked a couple of marine guards. That sounds like a rash undertaking; ~~for any single man,~~ but, the defendant was arrested by the Provost Marshal, ~~on that charge,~~ tried in the Provost Court, and sentenced to six months in jail.

That incident has given rise to another flare-up in ~~the~~ Hawaii ~~Territory,~~ over the continuance of martial law. The attorney for ~~this~~ *lusty* civilian went to the federal court, and asked for a writ of Habeas Corpus, saying his client should have been tried in a civilian court and that martial law should be abolished. The sheriff in return asked the court to dismiss the writ, claiming that it ^{'s} vital to the prosecution of the war, that martial law be ~~kept~~ continued, and Habeas Corpus suspended. The sheriff is none other than Duke Kahanamoku, once famous swimming

The Duke
champ and surf rider. ~~He~~ is backed up by authorities
no less than Admiral ~~Chester~~ Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief
of the Pacific Fleet, and Lieutenant-General Richardson,
Army
commandant ~~and general~~ at Pearl Harbor.

~~This is the second time the habeas corpus issue
has cropped up in Honolulu. Only last year, a couple
of Americans of German ancestry, who had been interned,
made a similar petition, which the court granted.
General Richardson defied the order of the court and
was fined ~~one~~ ² hundred dollars. The case blew up when
the two fellows were returned to the mainland, and
President Roosevelt set aside the fine.~~

Students of history will remember that during
the Civil War, habeas Corpus was virtually suspended by
none other than Abraham Lincoln.

ROOSEVELT

Extra

Some personal
~~We have good~~

news about the President today.

Secretary Steve Early announced^s that the bronchial
irritation in F. D. R.'s¹ ~~Mr. Roosevelt's~~ throat is clearing up.

~~nicely~~ However, Vice-Admiral Ross McIntye², the
presidential physician, insists that his patient
continue to take it easy, keep to a restricted schedule.

You had a good chance to make this
more friendly!

classified as
probably restricted

PLANES FOLLOW STIMSON

And the War Department gives us interesting figures on the war in the air. The men of Uncle Sam's Army Air Forces, all over the world, have destroyed eleven thousand and forty-two Axis aircraft. ^{Evidently that} ~~that~~

includes ~~we may take it,~~ both Nazis and Japs. The cost of this destruction to us has been two thousand, eight hundred and five American planes. ^Q ~~that is a~~

^{— in our favor.} ratio of almost four-to-one. Our heavy planes and fighters destroyed nine thousand, four hundred and sixty-three enemy aircraft in combat; ^{and} one thousand, five hundred and seventy-nine on the ground.

And this ~~we must remember,~~ is an exceedingly conservative figure ^{for it} ~~and~~ does not include enemy planes [^] classed as "probably destroyed." [^]

PACIFIC

In the Pacific, ~~United States~~ Army bombers,
taking off from ^{land} bases, ~~on land,~~ made their second attack
on the island of Eten, in the Truk atoll. And for the
first time they also raided Moen, in the same group.
They had to fly through fierce anti-aircraft fire,
but all ~~our~~ planes returned ^{safely.} ~~to base.~~

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Substitute coming