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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

The Germans have thrown a full division of tanks into the counter-attacks against the British Eighth Army at Termoli. They also ^{have} moved extra infantry divisions over to the Adriatic side from the west coast of Italy. These reinforcements were giving General Montgomery's men a tough fight, until the British Navy came to the rescue. ~~They stood~~ ^{From} offshore in the Adriatic ^{we hear they} ~~and~~ blasted the Nazi tank columns ^{and} ~~to smithereens~~ put it out of commission.

~~Incidentally~~ ^{submarines} British ~~undersea~~ ~~boats~~ have sunk six more German ships in the Mediterranean and damaged two others.

Along the shore of the Tyrrhenian Sea General

Clark's Fifth Army ^{is hearing} ~~was coming to~~ Capua, ~~that is only~~
seventeen miles north of Naples, ^{along} ~~and a stepping stone~~
~~on~~ the road to Rome, ^{the} ~~Mark Clark is following the~~
classic road that Hannibal took to Rome in Two Hundred
and Sixteen B.C. Capua was then the second city in

Italy. Its people joined forces with the Carthaginians;
but, subsequently they turned against the conqueror
from Africa. The result was that when he reached the
gates of Rome he decided the city was too strong for
him and fell back on Capua again.

Although the Germans are trying hard to
^{in Southern Italy,}
hold back the Allies, [^] they have evidently given up all
hopes of holding onto Rome, ^{Of course they} ~~initially they just as~~
~~soon as~~ admitted it when they announced that the
headquarters of Mussolini's [^] ~~government~~ ^{feebly resurrected} was being moved
North. ~~They don't seem to want to have their dear Duce~~
~~captured again.~~

tonight

The Fifth army would be even closer to Rome but flooded rivers have slowed ^{it} up. Yesterday we

were told that the Americans had forced the passage

of the Volturno ^u ~~River. That was a mistake. It was a~~ *As a matter of fact*

~~confusion of names.~~ What they ~~did~~ ^{ed} cross ~~is~~

tributary, the Calore, ~~from the East.~~ In the course

~~of mopping up, the Fifth Army occupied five towns~~

~~along the coast between Naples and Aversa.~~

The German defense in Central Italy now appears to consist of shuttling ~~in~~ their ~~five~~ divisions frantically from coast to coast, moving reinforcements first to one point where the Allies are breaking through, and then to another where they are breaking through still more.

The most dramatic single incident in Italy today was the narrow escape of General Clark from being blown ^{up} ~~to fragments~~ by a bomb. It was a time bomb

that the Germans left behind them to go off in the postoffice, which is in the heart of Naples.

It shattered the building ~~to fragments~~ and killed more than ^a~~one~~ hundred people, both Neopolitan civilians and American soldiers. If it had gone off twenty minutes earlier it would have got General ~~Mark~~ Clark and his staff. He had just finished giving an interview to newspapermen, telling them everything was going well with the advance on Rome.

The damage from the bomb was terrific. It destroyed one entire section of the postoffice building and buried scores of people in the ruins, *and the* concussion knocked down hundreds of persons nearby. Italians who were working on reconstruction of the neighboring buildings were killed. The list of wounded is large. Reynolds Packard describes it as the most horrible spectacle he has seen in all the war, *with many*

Women and babies ~~were~~ among the killed.

Mussolini and the rest of the high Fascist officials are taking a savage revenge. According to a dispatch from Switzerland, Mussolini has arrested thousands of people, including Senators, diplomats, high Army officers, big factory owners, newspapermen, even former Fascist leaders. The arrests were made backed up by the bayonets of the German army.

ADD INVASION

There are all sorts of wild rumors concerning Rome. According to the wildest of these, which comes from Stockholm, a band of fanatical Fascisti had planned ^{the} ~~to~~ kidnap ^{of} the Pope; ~~and~~ take him to what they called a safe place. The leader of that plot is believed to be Roberto Faranacci, who used to be Chief Secretary of the Fascist party.

Berlin reports that the Papal Swiss guard has been reinforced.

The German commander in Rome admitted that he had moved Nazi paratroopers into ~~the~~ Vatican City. His excuse was that the Italians had not taken adequate measures to protect the Pontiff. Modern barracks for those paratroopers have been erected inside the grounds of the Vatican, also a hospital for ~~German~~ German sick and wounded.

Other dispatches report the Romans as

bordering on starvation, and the Holy City virtually
in a state of siege. A London newspaper reports that
the vandalism of the Goths and the ^{German-Spanish} army of Charles
the Fifth in 1527 were minor affairs compared with
the systematic looting ~~that is~~ now going on. The Nazis
^{are reported to be} taking trainloads of paintings, sculptures, books,
^{also that} and manuscripts to Berlin. Many of these have been
dumped out on the road and burned by the roadside.

RUSSIA

The Russian front ^{seems to have} come to life again. ~~with a~~
~~vengeance.~~

Moscow announced ^s that it was not rain ~~that~~
held up the Russian advance. ^{That} The Red Generals were
just bringing up the reserves and consolidating their
lines. ^{Today} The Soviet high command ^{states that} ~~the~~ attack ~~has been~~
renewed on every front from Vitebsk in Central Russia,
all the way to the Taman Peninsula. *In fact,*

report They ~~had~~ an important success there; ^{the} captured ^{of}
the town and port of Taman, ^{at the approach to the Crimea,} and also three large
inhabited places with names full of many consonants.
They are driving the Nazis out of the Taman Peninsula,
and annihilating all the German troops that have not
been evacuated.

Further north *the* Red army has again forced
~~its way across~~ ~~passage of the middle reaches of~~ the Dneiper, ~~River,~~
which Hitler said last week was to be held at all costs.

Also Premier Marshal Stalin issued *another* general order of the day announcing that one Russian army has captured Nevel, southwest of Velikie Luki, ~~and that puts~~ the Red army in that sector only sixty-five miles from the Latvian border. The Germans counter-attacked fiercely but were thrown back. ^{TP} Moscow says the Soviet troops are widening ~~xx~~ their areas of operation step by step. *And that* In recapturing Nevel, ^{they} ~~it~~ broke the Nazi line for a length of twenty-five kilomètres and advanced the same distance, ~~in that moment they occupying~~ more than ~~one~~ hundred inhabited places. ~~They~~ *Also* *breaking* ~~breaks~~ the German line north of the town and railroad junction of Kirishi, on the Volkhov front.

A United Press correspondent in Moscow reports that the Red army is making full preparations for a still more massive offensive *this* winter. ^{TP} It ~~is~~ worth noting that the Moscow ~~XXXXX~~ censor allowed

because it
that story to pass ~~it~~ even gives ^{details} ~~details~~ of the
That
preparations. [^] The Russians are ~~is~~ building millions
of sleds to carry the soldiers across the snowfields.

That
[^] There are huge mounds of the sleds on railroad sidings
throughout Russia. *And that*
[^] Meanwhile they intend to give the
Germans no rest, to reinforce themselves for that
winter campaign. *TP*
² It promises to be a campaign that
will even exceed the power of last winter's.

PACIFIC

The Australian-American offensive in the Pacific has gained in intensity. So say the Japanese. Tokyo broadcast the report that Premier Tojo ~~had~~ told some newly appointed officials that they have ~~an~~ enormous responsibility for concentrating the total effort of the Mikado's people on the war.

~~The~~ Tojo had evidently just had the latest news from New Guinea. ^{That} General MacArthur's columns are fairly rolling down the Valley of the Ranu River, ^{in New Guinea} ~~They are~~ advancing on the big Jap base of Madang with ~~speed that is~~ ^{speed} amazing considering the rough ground over which they have to go. ^R ~~The~~ ^{conjecture} ~~guessing~~ is that it will not be long before MacArthur will be able to start his big attack on Rabaul in New Britain, the most ^{vital} ~~powerful~~ Jap base ^{in the southwest Pacific.} ~~of all~~ Australian and American bombers and fighters have already neutralized the aerial defenses of the Japs west of Rabaul along the invasion

coast of New Britain. A spokesman for General MacArthur says that ~~this has been~~ ^{is} the cumulative result of almost daily air bombardments. The Japs have several important airdromes around Rabaul which are still functioning, however.

In the Solomons, ~~United States~~ ~~fighter~~ planes have destroyed ~~a number of~~ ^{more} Japanese barges. ^{also} Patrol planes have bombed enemy shipping off Bougainville. In one dogfight seven ~~of our~~ Corsair ^s ~~fighters~~ took on ~~some~~ sixty ~~Jap~~ Zeros, ~~they~~ bagged six Japs and ~~lost~~ ^{losing} one ~~of their own~~.

Another piece of good news from the Pacific is that an American ~~pi-boat~~ ^{sub} sank a Japanese liner almost under the eyes of the Mikado's navy. The submarine slipped through the heavily guarded Tsushima Strait and got the passenger ship with ~~only~~ one torpedo. Something like five hundred and forty Jap lives were lost.

Tokyo admits ~~this~~ To do it, the submarine had
to thread its way through numerous narrow channels
and past all sorts of defenses. ~~which rates among~~
Naval men ^{call it} an extraordinary ^{feat.} ~~achievement.~~

ADD PACIFIC

In Washington Senator Chandler of Kentucky today revealed the details of the latest atrocity committed by Japanese soldiers. The details are too dreadful to tell over the air, but Chandler seized the occasion to announce that General MacArthur has a doomsday book, a record of all the names, ranks, and units of Japanese officers who ordered or permitted *certain barbaric* ~~these infamous~~ cruelties.

DRAFT

Congressmen today took the first steps to raise the allowances to wives of men in the fighting services who have children. The Military Affairs Committee of the House proposes that a wife shall get, as before, fifty dollars a month, if she has no children, but twenty-five dollars extra for the first child, twenty dollars more for the second, fifteen more for each additional child.

~~This is not quite as high as the scale proposed in the Senate. The ~~final~~ Upper Chamber wanted to give the fighting men's wives thirty dollars a month for the first child and twenty for each one after that. The final measure probably will be a compromise.~~

LOUISIANA

There is another dramatic political rumpus in Louisiana, with the State Guard being called in to keep the peace. It's the fight between Governor Sam Jones and his opponents.

Governor ^{Jones} ~~Sam~~ had appointed a new Sheriff for the parish of Plaquemines. The faction opposed to him obtained a court order to restrain the Governor's appointee from taking office. The deputies of the present Acting Sheriff and other guards barricaded themselves ~~in~~ inside the courthouse of the parish and locked the doors. The court enjoined the State Guard from interfering. At another place reporters were not allowed inside the yard of the courthouse. The Governor's opponents announced that the State Guard will have to blow them off the map of Louisiana to get in. All ^{of which} ~~that~~ sounds like the dramatic old days of Huey Long.

BASEBALL

This afternoon it looked as though this year's baseball World Series were about to be a repetition of last year. For six innings the St. Louis

Cardinals ^{had} ~~appeared to have~~ the ~~New York~~ Yankees handcuffed. The ^{lads} ~~boys~~ from the ^{banks of O'May} ~~Mississippi~~ River hit themselves into a two-to-nothing lead in the fourth

~~inning, and for a while held onto it tight. For the~~
~~Then came the fifth!~~ ^{As for}
~~better part of the sixth inning,~~ the legendary hitting power of the Yankees ^{it} appeared to be nothing but a

^{But,} legend. [^] In the sixth they began to perk up a little.

Borowy, the Yankee pitcher, broke the rule which says pitchers ~~do~~ ^{Borowy got} not hit, ~~and scored~~ a double. In fact,

it might have been a homerun because the ball bounced into the left-field stands. ^{But} ~~The~~ ground rules ^{held it} ~~say that~~

^{to a} ~~is only~~ two-base hit. When the next batsman fouled

out, Borowy then ran to third base after the catch was

made. ^{Then} young Johnson, the Yankee third baseman,

hit along the ground to Kurowsky, the Cardinal ~~first~~
third baseman, and should have been out. But Kurowsky
bungled the ball and Pitcher Borowy scored a run.
That was all for the sixth inning. And it still left
the Yanks in the rear by a margin of one run.

We always look for one of those Yankee seventh
innings rallies, *But this time it came*
~~and we were all disappointed except~~
~~the St. Louis Cardinals and their rooters. But the~~
~~Yankee rally was not lost. It was only delayed. When~~
~~they came to bat in the eighth they murdered the~~
in the 8th, when
~~fellows from the West. It was~~ a newcomer, Lindell,
the Yankee right-fielder playing in his first World
Series, *game,* ~~game,~~ *who started the excitement.* It was all
~~the more dramatic because he was on the tail end of~~
~~the batting list.~~ He slammed a single ~~into~~ center,
where *Walker is mit.*
~~and~~ it bounced off *the* ~~the St. Louis center fielder's fist.~~

So instead of one base the young Master Lindell

got two. The next man was a pinch-hitter named

Stainbach, batting ~~in place of~~ *for* Borowy, ~~the pitcher.~~

He bunted to first ~~base~~, and the first-baseman threw

it to third base, hoping to get Lindell who was

running from second. Kurowski at third base ~~actually~~

had the Yankee runner out, and the Umpire had signalled

~~to~~ him ~~to go~~ to the bench. But Lindell ~~slid in in so~~

crashed in with
such weight and violence
~~that~~ that he made Kurowski drop the ball *and knocked*

And
knocking ~~him~~ *down*. That changed the whole picture.

From ~~Lindell was safe,~~ *then on it was* ~~and then came a lot of fence busting~~

a rout. ~~5 to 2 for the~~ *5 to 2 for the*
~~Another newcomer, Johnson, the Yankee third baseman,~~

Yankee. ~~TP And now they~~ *TP And now they*
~~hit a triple, bringing in three runs. Then Joe Gordon,~~

move the series to
~~here of several previous World Series, slammed out a~~

St. Louis.
~~single and brought in a fifth run, giving them six~~
altogether.

~~And there was the ballgame. From a two to one,~~

~~they took~~ ~~against them, the Yankees in one inning had~~

LABOR

The Automobile Workers Union today voted to support President Roosevelt for a fourth term. The delegates at the Convention in Buffalo approved of *this* ~~it~~ by a huge majority, ~~but there was~~ ^{with} a string to *it*. *They say they* favor ~~that approval. They~~ Mr. Roosevelt's re-election provided he takes an aggressive position against the foes of the New Deal and of progress and of Labor inside the Democratic party, as well as outside it. The Resolution included a phrase criticizing what it called the present Democratic party ~~is~~ policy of appeasing the enemies of progress and Labor.

At Boston President ^{William} Green of the American

Federation made a speech holding out the olive branch to industry and management. All that Labor asks, he said, is that private industry shall recognize that free and Democratic unions have the same right to organize that industry has, and that management shall

fully accept the principle of collective bargaining.

Labor and management, said Green, should meet and solve postwar problems.