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Here's a rather startling aftermath of the epic of the Bismarck. It's a British statement that the giant Nazi battleship was bigger than had been supposed. The Bismarck was rated as a thirty-five thousand ton monster. But now a British officer who took part in the sinking of that ultra-powerful ship, states today that the Bismarck must have been close to fifty thousand tons. Larger, much larger, than the British Goliath she sent to the bottom, the forty-two thousand ton Hood, reputed to be the biggest in the world.

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This reasoning is based on the amount of battering the Nazi battleship took before sinking. It was revealed today that the Bismarck was hit by three torpedoes from aircraft, two torpedoes shot by destroyers, one or two from the Battleship Rodney, and still another from the Cruiser Norfolk. All that - and a deluge of shell fire! Two British battleships hammered away with their biggest guns. The George the Fifth fired from the Southwest, the Rodney from the Northwest. And still the Bismarck did not sink! It took a salvo of torpedoes from the Cruiser Dorchester to send the mighty craft finally

to the bottom. That tabulation of torpedoes and shells brings the following statement from the before mentioned British officer. "The Bismarck was a colossus ~~xi~~ which withstood terrific punishment," says he. "She undoubtedly was above anything we thought of, and fifty thousand tons must have been necessary to give her such strength."

The British emphasize the valorous fight made by the Bismarck. *of His Majesty's Navy who were* Naval officers [^] in the fight say she went to the bottom with her colors nailed to the mast-head.

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Today were landed two parties of survivors. Twenty four were in one group, eighty-five in the other. Total, one hundred and nine. British sailors guarding them say they are subdued and downcast. ^A "Every man on the Bismarck, " explains a British officer, "was convinced that the vessel was unsinkable. When they felt her going down," he added, "they got the shock of their lives."

KAISER

There were rumors in Berlin today that the Ex-Kaiser of Germany had died, but these are denied. The one-time Emperor, is extremely ill -- that is officially stated. However, his family has not been summoned to his bedside - his condition is not that grave. He's eighty-two years old - that one-time warlord who lost his throne in the previous World War.

SCHMELING

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Berlin denies the death of Max Schmeling, ~~xxxx~~ and says the British story about him was based on a misapprehension - a wrong identification. Cairo gave out a dramatic account of the end of the former heavyweight champion of the world - the black-browed German who scored one of the astounding surprises of pugilism, when he knocked out the present champion, Joe Louis, several years ago. We were told ^{the other day} how Max Schmeling, [^] as a Nazi parachute soldier in Crete, was captured by Australians - how ^{later} he seized a rifle, tried to escape, and [^] was killed.

Today Berlin newspapers printed an interview with Schmeling. This represents him as being in a Hospital in Crete, a parachute soldier who took part in the desperate fighting and fell ill with tropical fever.

The German High Command, in telling of British and Greek resistance in Crete, uses these words - "everywhere collapsed." The Nazis claim that their troops, pushing on from Suda Bay, the eastern part of the island, joined forces with parachute units, and have been fighting in the Retimo area. That's in the middle of the North Coast of Crete. They said yesterday that they had captured Candia - on the eastern shore of the island. So apparently the invaders have taken virtually the whole north coast - and that's the

part of the island which counts. On the south, *the island consists* ~~it's sheer~~ *of sheer* mountains descending into the sea. Hence the basis for the Nazi claim, that the seizure of the island is virtually complete.

Cairo denies that the Germans have captured Candia. They say British troops are still in control there. London, ~~xxxx~~ on the other hand, concedes the fall of Candia. Cairo admits, that its forces in Crete have had to make still another withdrawal, and London takes a gloomy view. Here's a United Press dispatch from the British capital:- "The situation in Crete," it states, "was reported growing steadily worse tonight."

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It appears that Britain once again is faced with the necessity of salvaging that it can from a ~~ix~~ lost campaign."

The Germans state that the ^{*picturesque fighting*} British commander,

General Freyberg, has been killed. He crashed while flying from Crete to Alexandria, ^{*So*} says a Berlin dispatch. Freyberg, that fabulous soldier from New Zealand, who has been a brilliant British military legend, a hero of incredible exploits. ^{*H*} London says it has no information about the ~~Nazi~~ story of the end of Freyberg, V.C.

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An ugly note is sounded by Berlin - accusation of atrocities. Parachute troops mutilated - outrages committed by civilians. Berlin blames this on British prime Minister Winston Churchill, and says that atrocities were incited by the Churchill charge that the Nazi air borne troops were wearing New Zealand uniforms.

Rome comes forward with a rather fantastic story about a new weapon - artificial fog. The German air borne army advanced with the aid of a synthetic mist which caused weird results - says Rome. "The enemy saw only shadows

everywhere," says the Italian account, "and nervousness communicated itself from one man to another, causing panic

and making men break ranks." The Fascist version concludes

following weird and puzzling account:
with their ~~weird accounts~~ - "Detachments of Australians and

Greeks," it says "ran into the arms of the Germans. They believed they were retreating in the other direction. The mistake was due to artificial fog," says Rome .

From that other theatre of war, ~~Iraq~~ Iraq -

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conflicting reports came today - London stated that the pro-Nazi Premier Raschid Ali Al-Gailani, had run away.

In the face of the British advance toward Baghdad, he fled to Persia.

This was confirmed by a report from Syria, which stated, however, that the pro Nazi leader had fled to the North, not Persia, and had taken with him young King Feisal. The story of running away is denied by Rome, which states that Raschid Ali Al-Gailani is still in Baghdad, but ~~not~~ is about to leave for Turkey - for conferences with the Turkish government.

However all this may be, British forces are closing
in on Baghdad and expect to capture the city within a few
days.

Today they reported the seizure of Ur, ancient
site of Babylonian culture. Ur of the Chaldees, whence

Abraham ^{Came.} ~~journeyed.~~

Here's ^{more} ~~the latest~~ [^] ~~etc~~ about the movements of the

Iraq government. It comes from Vichy and it states that most of the officials have gone to Mosul -- the oil field region.

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There they ^{are said to be} ~~are~~ under the protection of the forces of Nazi
[^] [^] ~~this~~ ^{dispatch} tells us, now
Germany which control Mosul and the oil ~~well~~ wells.

MILK

From Great Britain comes a suggestion that we Americans curtail our consumption of milk - that housewives over here use less milk. Also, we might go without cream one day a week - a creamless day. The purpose being - to aid British children.

The suggestion was made in London today by Food Minister Lord Woolton. In discussing British food supplies, he stated that the milk situation was unsatisfactory, - not enough of that necessary food for British children.

Then he made the following appeal:- "I know that America has no big exportable surplus of milk," said he, "but I believe that American women would be willing to reduce their own consumption, perhaps go ~~in~~ without cream one day a week, so the difference ~~is~~ could be sent in the form of milk powder."

That proposal, addressed to the United States, was promptly considered in Canada. But Canadian authorities stated that the appeal hardly applied to the Dominion. Officials at the department of Trade and Commerce in Ottawa, stated

that Canada's powdered milk plants were already working at top capacity for Britain.

GUARD

This Memorial Day witnessed one particular thing throughout the nation -- the guarding of defense plants against sabotage.

In New York, eighteen thousand policemen ordered to be on the lookout for possible attempts this weekend against defense establishments - plants, docks, and especially the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Pittsburgh:- Safety Director George Fraley stated that the police are - on the alert. Detroit:- cruising police cars on the lookout for suspicious activities in the vicinity of Detroit's vast defense industries. Fort Worth, Texas:- armed guards placed at a fifteen million ~~dollars~~ dollar bomber assembly plant. Phoenix, Arizona:- especial vigilance for the protection of powder plants, irrigation dams, and so on. Seattle, Washington:- special steps taken to protect the waterfront and the locks of an important canal. California:- the nation's most important area of warplane industry was likewise the scene of the largest amount of precaution today.

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These protective measures across the country, are ascribed to warnings conveyed by the F.B. I.; and in Washington government officials ^{told of} ~~stated~~ reports ~~had been~~ received of a nationwide sabotage plot - timed for the weekend of Memorial Day.

ALUMINUM

Today at Richmond, Virginia, streams of citizens carried pots and pans to fire stations. That may seem like an odd phenomenon - fire stations getting pots and pans. But, it's a part of national defense, and the key to it all is that white light metal - aluminum.)

Number one metal in the manufacture of aircraft, aluminum is running short - not enough of it. Kitchenware is a possible source of supply. ^{TP} In England they've had a concerted national drive to persuade people to donate aluminum vessels to war industries. Suppose we should have to do something like that over here - a nationwide call for people to give aluminum? How much of the metal would be collected? The government is making a test. Two sample cities were selected - Madison, Wisconsin, and Richmond, Virginia, typical American communities.

In each city a five day campaign has been staged, with publicity and all that - cooking utensils to be delivered today. Appropriate - Memorial Day. So now we have the news from Richmond - streams of citizens carrying pots and pans

to points of collection - fire stations. The amount brought in will help to fix government policy - if the need should come for a public drive to collect aluminum.

RACE

Usually the excitement of a race is while it's being run and won. But today in Indianapolis the annual automobile classic had a blaze of excitement before it started. Blaze is right for there was a sweep of flame through garages where the racing cars were kept -- those highly expensive vehicles of dazzling speed.

In one garage a mechanic was draining gasoline from an auto entered in the test -- and there was an explosion. The car was destroyed. The fire spread swiftly. There was a frantic scene of getting the speedy autos out into the open, to save them. Even so, more than a hundred thousand dollars in damage was done, and the electric power facilities of the track were disrupted, including electricity for the electric eye- delaying the start for an hour.

After the excitement, the thrills of the race began, there were a number of crashes, as hour after hour the drivers went round and round, burning up the track. No fatalities, fortunately - although things looked desperate for three drivers when they staged a three-way collision. One car tried to pass another, skidded and hit the back of the car it was trying to pass. A driver coming up just behind had to swerve sharply to avoid crashing into the two. He went into a spin, and hit a wall. This ~~there~~ three-way collision, however, resulted in only one injury - a badly cut leg.

Who's the winner? Oh yes - Floyd Davis of Springfield, Illinois, ^{who} ~~he~~ won the five hundred ~~miles~~ mile classic at an average speed of more than a hundred and

fifteen miles an hour. - When the Davis car hurtled over the finish line Maurie Rose was at the wheel.

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GOLF THRILLS

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With perfect Decoration Day weather in nearly all parts of the country record crowds took to the highways. Thirtieth of ~~my~~ May parades were longer than usual, fishermen lined the banks of trout streams, and golf courses were crowded.

Four of the countries leading golfers ~~we~~ are doing a sporting thing, going up and down the country playing benefit games for British War Relief and for the American Red Cross. The four are Patty Berg, former U.S. Womens champion, Helen Dettweiler former Western Womens champion, Jimmy Demaret, former Masters and Western Open champ, and the inimitable Gene Sarazen, former World's champion. Today ~~they took~~ in the forenoon they played a match for the American Red Cross, in one section of the country and then jumped in their cars for a second Red Cross benefit in the afternoon. Both matches providing thrills for golf enthusiasts who had assembled from far and wide. And now Hugh can you tell us about a thrill or two.

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