

BRITAIN

Off the northern tip of Scotland lie the Orkney Islands, a cluster of rugged bits of land. In the midst of them, is a deep basin surrounded by islands, with channels leading to the Atlantic on the west and the North Sea on the east. That island-locked basin is far-famed Scapa Flow; ~~is~~ a natural fortress of the sea, the strongest kind of shelter for a fleet. There the power of the British Navy was stationed during the World War, and there it is stationed now.

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(Today the Germans ~~again~~ struck at Scapa Flow - from the sky.) Yesterday Hitler's bombers raided a secondary British naval base in the Firth of Forth, near Edinburgh, in Scotland. And it seems that their bombs damaged three British war craft, two cruisers and a destroyer. How great the damage was is a matter of the usual dispute. The London Admiralty claims today that the warships were harmed only a little - thirteen men killed and others injured. Berlin maintains that the German bombers did heavy damage to the ~~units of the~~ British ~~fleet~~ ^{ships.} Britain reports four of the raiders shot down, maybe as many as seven. Berlin admits the loss of two.

Yes, today, the air arm of Hitler reached to Britain's number one naval base. The late news states that there were really three air raids on Scapa Flow today. (Three times squadrons of planes came flying and dropped bombs. The first raid damaged an historic British battleship, the IRON DUKE.) At the Battle of Jutland, the mighty IRON DUKE, was Admiral Jellicoe's flagship, but since then the great warship has been taken out of fighting service and turned into a training ship for gunnery practice. London describes the damage to the IRON DUKE as not vital. The two other raids that followed seemed to have accomplished little. The bombs, in fact, appear to have been aimed at merchant craft. (The British report that several of the hostile aircraft were shot down.) The raiding squadrons are described as small groups, and the important part of it is, how far they flew to attack. The distance from Scapa Flow to the nearest point in Germany is five hundred miles. It was long distance bombing.

Nothing decisive seems to have been accomplished.

No ^{final} answer to the old question of bombing planes versus warships.

That question won't be answered until there have been raids by many planes, instead of only a few - hundreds of bombers, maybe a couple of thousand, attacking a fleet. ^{Yesterday's and today's} ~~The~~ series of air raids would seem to be the beginning of the assault that Hitler threatened, and Britain was nervous today. Air raid alarms tied things up for hours along the southwestern coast of England.

~~It would appear that~~ German reconnoissance planes were sighted, and ~~the~~ British claim to have shot one down.

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But ^{the day's} ~~today's~~ chief sensation concerning Scapa Flow had nothing to do with events of today - ^{Ca} ~~the~~ sensation harked back to last week, the torpedoing of the great battleship, the ROYAL OAK. It was announced in the British Parliament that the ROYAL OAK had been torpedoed at Scapa Flow, while lying at anchor within the naval stronghold. ^{That's where it occurred.} Somehow, ~~the~~ a German U-boat managed to sneak through the defenses guarding the channels, through mines and nets,) or whatever they have. And then what happened was strange. (First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston

Churchill, told Parliament today that the U-boat fired two torpedoes. One missed, the other hit the ROYAL OAK in the bow with a muffled explosion. Aboard the ship they thought something had blown up in the hold. They didn't suspect that the muffled explosion was a torpedo. Apparently, the British never dreamed that a German U-boat had got right into the naval station of Scapa Flow -- impossible, too much of a miracle! It was twenty minutes later that the U-boat struck again, this time with several torpedoes, that blasted and shattered the great warship, and sent it to the bottom.) Amazing! The House of Commons was told today that the U-boat got away. That's confirmed in Berlin with the report that all the officers and the crew of the submarine were decorated with the Iron Cross.

Yes, honored -- in Berlin -- and also London, in the British Parliament, the House of Lords. (Defense Coordinator, Lord Chatfield, in speaking of the submarine getting into Scapa Flow, used these words:-- "The entry of the U-boat must be considered a remarkable exploit of professional skill and daring." British chivalry!)

WESTERN FRONT

The Western Front activities are important news only because the Western Front has been so inactive. (The Germans staged a large sort of attack, drove the French back, and captured a dozen villages. They pushed the Allies off German soil previously occupied and in some places drove a few feet into France.

The French explain it is only a case of their outposts drawing back,) and it had been planned to do should the Germans launch a drive of any particular power.

VATICAN

In Rome it was announced ^{today} that a Papal Encyclical
will be published on October Twenty-Ninth.

They say the Pope in the strongest terms, will call
upon all Christians, to rally against -- the **sweep** of paganism
and atheism -- meaning -- Hitler and Stalin.

MINORITIES

There's a late report from Moscow that seven German delegates arrived by plane today to discuss the repatriation of German minorities in Russia. This follows earlier stories from Berlin -- that the Hitler government is going to bring to Germany all the various German minorities in eastern and southern Europe.

They are to be settled in sections of Poland now under German control. Probably Hitler's idea is to Germanize these sections and eliminate the Polish elements, having repatriated Germans take the place of Poles on the land -- providing them with homes and farms.

Berlin explains that this repatriation business will not concern Germans living in the Americas -- Brazil, or Milwaukee or Hoboken.

JEWISH REFUGEES

Of late we haven't been hearing much about the problem of Jewish refugees. The outbreak of the war has relegated that sad affair into the background. But once more again today we hear of a plan to colonize the oppressed Jewish minority in Nazi Germany. This time the country named is -- Ethiopia -- around Lake Tana -- at the head of the Blue Nile.

REFUGEES

President Roosevelt today broadened the refugee problem to include as many as ten or twenty million people, who are not merely Jewish, but of all faiths and races. We may expect vast numbers of people to be uprooted from their homes as a result of the European War, -- so said the President. He called upon the Intergovernmental Committee on Political Refugees to consider this staggering problem as something that will have to be faced.

"When this ghastly war ends," said he, "there may not be one million, but ten million, or twenty million, men, women and children belonging to many races and religions, living in many countries and possibly several continents -- who will enter the wide picture. The problem of the human refugees!"

(The President has received a reply from Moscow, about Finland. The Soviets say they want only to strengthen friendly relations with Finland.)

ATHENIA

Today in Washington an affidavit was filed declaring that the ill-fated Athenia carried guns. The statement is made by an Athenia survivor -- Gustave A. Anderson who operates a travel bureau in Evanston, Illinois.

He says he was looking down in the hold of the Athenia as cargo was being loaded before she sailed. He asked a sailor if the Cargo was guns and the sailor said yes. Later he talked to the Chief Officer of the ship who told him there were guns in the hold -- "plenty of them" said the Chief Officer. These were being sent to Canada to be used as coastal defense at Halifax and Quebec, and he was told moreover, that the Athenia was to be fitted out as a raider.

Anderson adds that there was a rumor that the Germans knew the Athenia carried guns.

All of this is reminiscent of the controversy about the Lusitania during the World War, the dispute about whether or not the Lusitania had munitions aboard when the German U-boat

torpedoed her. The case of the Athenia however is complicated by the fact that the Germans deny they sank the ship.

Today Secretary Hull said this was the first intimation that the Athenia had guns aboard.

WAGE-HOUR

The Wage-Hour has a new administrator tonight, or rather -- it has not. There are some twisty technicalities in the matter. The President today accepted the resignation of Wage-Hour Administrator Elmer F. Andrews, whereupon the President immediately appointed Colonel Philip Fleming as Assistant to the Acting Administrator. That's not such a lofty title -- Assistant to the Acting Administrator. The fact is, that Colonel Fleming, takes the top job and succeeds Elmer Andrews as Administrator of the law that regulates the wages and hours in American industry. He can't assume the lofty title, however, because of an army regulation. The Colonel is an army man with a brilliant record in the Engineering Corps.

TELEVISION

Today a man in New York had his picture taken by a photographer in Washington, and the answer is - television.

The New York man stood high at the top of the Empire State Building. The Washington photographer was in an airliner twenty-one thousand feet above the earth, four miles high in the sky.

I suppose most people are familiar with the great difficulty in television. ^{That} You can't televise beyond the horizon - fifty miles seems to be the limit of distance.

That's because television waves don't behave the same as radio waves. I can sit at the microphone here and broadcast sound for great distances, because the waves that radio uses follow the curvature of the earth. The radio engineers have complicated ~~ways~~ ways of explaining it, but ^{the} ~~radio~~ waves ~~will~~ go right on around the world. Television, however, uses extremely short waves that do not follow the curvature of the earth. They behave more like light rays, shoot out in a straight line, flash to the edge of the horizon and keep on going out into space. So you can't receive them beyond the horizon, just as the most brilliant

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lighthouse will disappear when you're far enough away from it. But the higher the lighthouse is and the higher you are, the longer you can see it. That's the idea they used in today's television experiment.

They took televising apparatus to the highest point in New York, the top of the Empire State Building. Then an airliner with a receiving set mounted into the sky over Washington and climbed to the twenty-one thousand foot level, the sub-stratosphere. In the plane they wore oxygen masks, grotesque figures experimenting. They were high enough so that a straight line would reach the top of the Empire State Building in New York. There, David Sarnoff, President of R.C.A., was standing. In the plane, W.A. Paterson, President of United Airlines, spoke to Sarnoff by radio. "Look straight ahead now and smile for the photographer," said Paterson to Sarnoff. It was something like the old photographic command "Watch the birdie and smile." On the television screen, in the plane way up there in the stratosphere, a televised image flashed, and the photographer snapped a picture of it.

A scientific thriller in the development of the new miracle,
television.

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LOUISIANA

They're having a great time down in Louisiana, ~~at~~
~~the~~ an indicting time. Today two federal grand juries handed
down new batches of ^{charges.} ~~indictments~~. Among those indicted are former
Governor Richard W. Leche, who several months ago resigned from
the ~~gubernatorial~~ gubernatorial chair and was succeeded by
Earle Long, brother of the one-time Kingfish, Huey Long. ~~The~~
~~technical charge is, using the mails to defraud, and former~~
~~Governor Leche is indicted on a charge~~ ^{He is accused} of using state funds to
buy a yacht for himself. He got the yacht last December,
acquired it with solemn and even patriotic ceremony. It was
supposed to have been given to him by admiring citizens as a
token of their esteem. You know the kind of oratory that is
emitted on such occasions - "My fellow citizens, etcetra.
This great State of Louisiana, etcetra. High public service as
Governor, etcetra." And they gave the Governor a yacht.
The grand jury indictment today charges that the price of the
yacht, far from being paid by the admiring fellow citizens,
was actually taken out of the funds of the Conservation
Department. And it is further stated that when the Governor

resigned a few weeks ago, he kicked back to the Conservation Department with a check for eleven thousand dollars -- the price of the yacht.

In the Bienville Parish five more are indicted: Lorris Wimberly, State Representative of Bienville Parish, Speaker of the House, and Chairman of the State Civil Service Commission; J. Rush Wimberly, Judge of the Second Judicial District; J. Rush Wimberly, Jr. Equipment Inspector for the Highway Commission, and two others with other names, a Mayor and State Senator, in addition to all those Wimberlys.

BILLINGS

Two things are scheduled to happen quickly to Warren K. Billings, partner in the famous prisoner combination of Mooney and Billings. He was convicted with Mooney in the Preparedness Day bombing outrage twenty-three years ago. Billings is to be released late this afternoon, possibly is being released right now. And, he's to get married.

He announced today that as soon as he gets out he is going to marry a woman with whom he has been corresponding for fifteen of his prison years. He is forty-three. Her age is not stated. Billings refuses to identify his intended bride any more than to say that her first name is Josephine. The prison records show that he has been writing regularly to a Josephine Rudolph, ~~was~~ *at* San Mateo, California.

After Tom Mooney was released, he was soon separated from ~~his~~ *his* wife, who had stuck by him for those many years. His partner, Billings, upon getting out, is to be married.

Word has just come that he has ~~just~~ been released.

BIBLE

In Massachusetts the town of Salem got its name out of the Bible. And today in Salem the judge took under advisement a case that has scriptural implications. A wife is suing her husband for divorce ^{and it} ~~that case~~ concerns the Old Testament and the New. She charges that he gave her a black eye, though that may not seem to have anything to do with ~~the~~ scripture. But it has. He hit her in the eye with the Bible.

And now Hugh, I'll sign off after you. —

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