

RAIDS

L.T. - Genoco. Thursday, June 4, 1942.

Today, the British staged their biggest air raid in daylight. Once again the figure was - a thousand planes.

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This mighty air armada swept across the Channel in the bright light of day. ~~It~~ It attacked the Nazi held coast of northern France.

Last night, the R.A.F. bombed Bremen again, today the Nazis on the coast of France were assailed. And ~~on~~ tonight fleets of warplanes may be flying against Germany once more. This huge and sustained air activity, which began with the bombing of Cologne, has reached such proportions that London is calling it - "a second front offensive".

Also, The British Commandos have struck another daring blow - raiding the French coast just across Dover ~~Strait~~ Strait - near Bologne. That shore must be defended in the strongest possible way, but the Commandos landed for what appears to have been a scouting raid mostly. They procured, what London calls - "valuable information".

HEYDRICH

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The death of Heydrich the Hangman brings a new wave of Nazi ~~terr~~ terror upon unhappy Czechoslovakia. The Number Two leader of Hitler's Gestapo finally succumbed today to injuries inflicted by a bomb explosion in Prague, capital city of the Czechs. ~~The~~ The Nazi killers are avenging their big ^{Gestapo} ~~terror~~ man. More than two hundred Czechs have already been shot, and it is believed that a host of other victims will perish in reprisal for the mortal attack on Heydrich, the Hangman.

Today, Berlin gave an official version of the assassination, told how it happened. The Nazis repeated a familiar echo, accusing the British. When all the elements of their version are put together, it suggests a melodrama hardly to be equalled by the most ~~lurid~~ lurid masterpiece of the anti-Nazi school of thriller.

Heydrich the Hangman was riding in a big official automobile. He sat in the front seat beside the chauffeur. The rear seat was empty. The car was speeding along a street in ~~pr~~ Prague, and ahead was a sharp curve, where it would naturally slow down. There two men were lurking. They must

have been aware of Heydrich's movements, must have known that his car would come along that way. The whole thing must have been carefully planned.

As the automobile slowed down at the hairpin bend, one of the two men dashed forward, and jumped on the running board. Beneath his coat he had what the Berlin dispatch calls - "a machine pistol". ~~This~~ This he raised, and aimed at Heydrich the Hangman. He pulled the trigger, but nothing happened. The machine pistol failed to fire. Whereupon the assailant jumped from the running board, and darted off - tossing away his useless weapon.

But, meanwhile, his companion was acting - was tossing a bomb into the back of the car. The explosion demolished the rear section of the automobile. One fragment of the bomb ripped through the front seat - and into ~~the~~ the back of Heydrich the Hangman. The bomb thrower, in his getaway, dropped a bag in which the police found another missile - a reserve bomb.

The Nazis claim that the machine pistol thrown away by

the first assailant was of British manufacture, and say it is a kind of weapon that they have seen before. "The same machine pistols," says the Berlin ~~xx~~ announcement, ~~xxxx~~ "were found in possession of some ~~xxxx~~ parachute agents who have been dropped by British planes." ^{So} There's melodrama [^] ~~for you~~ - ~~xxxxxx~~ parachutists dropping into Czechoslovakia, men from the sky who had something to do with the killing of the Hangman of the Gestapo. Perhaps the two ~~xxxi~~ assailants were avengers ^{who} ~~that~~ [^] came by parachute.

As for the bombs, the one that exploded and the one tossed aside - the Nazis claim that these also were of British make. And the following theatrical touch is given concerning the bombs:- "They both," says Berlin "have the same fusing as those used by the British military against German tanks in Africa". ^{And} ^{me} ~~So~~ there [^] ~~you~~ have an echo of the battle in the desert sounding in the mystery of the Death of the Hangman. The Nazi ~~xx~~ version might seem to suggest that the British provided the parachute avengers with the same type of explosive missile as the imperial forces are hurling against German tanks in Libya.

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The two assailants have vanished in blank mystery and the enraged Gestapo appears to be unable to find the slightest trace of them. The Nazis have offered a reward of Four Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars for information that may lead to the arrest of the two fugitives. But, in spite of the enormous temptation of ~~xxx~~ so much money, the Gestapo has not even been able to obtain a good description of the two men who put an end to Heydrich, the hangman.

LIBYA

From Libya the news is pretty much the same. Rommel's Panzer forces are still battling desperately in the salient they have created by penetrating ^{the} British defense lines. The empire forces smashed them back today at one point in that pocket. And ~~xx~~ other British armored units, sweeping around through the desert, seized a strong point, thereby threatening the German supply line.

CHINA

In China, the centers of war action today were two towns in the same area of eastern China - Chuch sien and Kinhwa. *Chook sien*

The Japs are at the gates of Chuhsien, important rail center and the site of a big air base that might be used in bombing Japan. *Chook sien*

The Chinese are holding the city firmly, but the Japs are threatening to flank the place. They are on ~~the~~ three sides of it already, say the Chinese.

At Kinhwa, the Chinese have the initiative. The Japs captured that city some while ago, but today we hear of a ~~En~~ Chinese counter attack, which may result in the recapture of Kinhwa.

A big military conference is on in China - three top ranking United States officers in conference with Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. The three Americans are Lieutenant-~~General~~ General Joseph Stilwell, Commander of all the United States forces in China, India and Burma, Major ^{*Gen.*} ~~Brereton~~, Commander of the ~~United~~ United States Air Forces in India, and Brigadier-General ^{*Clarie*} ~~Chenault~~, boss of the Flying Tigers. At Chungking they are laying plans with Chiang Kai-Shek for action against the Jap enemy.

PACIFIC

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This evening's bulletin from the Navy Department announces that the Japs today attacked Midway Island. It was an air raid, and was delivered at the equivalent of two thirty this afternoon, eastern war time. The Navy gives no further ~~details~~ details, and we are left to our own imagination to picture enemy planes appearing in the mid-Pacific sky, and dropping bombs on that remote bit of land, Midway Island.

It is our nearest outpost to Japan; ~~Midway~~ ^WMidway being eleven ~~Hundred~~ miles west of Hawaii. The island was attacked at the beginning of our war with the Japs, at the same time they assaulted Guam and Wake, but Midway held out, and ~~beat~~ beat off the enemy.

It is not clear what the raid on this lonely island may mean, although we connect it inevitably with yesterday's two bombings of Dutch harbor in the Aleutians. This evening's late navy bulletin makes no mention of Dutch Harbor, although a statement issued earlier stated that all was quiet at our air base in the Aleutians.

Early this afternoon Canada gave ^{us}
~~However, Canada gives us~~ a report that there has been

another attack on Dutch Harbor -- a third appearance of enemy planes. So stated in the Ottawa House of Commons by Canadian Defense Minister J. L. Ralston. But this was later withdrawn. Just a rumor, nothing to it, apparently.

The Navy tells us something about the second Dutch Harbor raid, one of the two announced last night. It was not a bombing affair -- none were dropped. The Japs coming over Dutch Harbor for a second time, appeared to be engaged in reconnaissance. Their planes were scouting. Apparently trying to estimate the damage accomplished by the bombs during the first raid.

And the Navy thinks that the first raid was designed primarily as a test; the purpose of the Japs to try out the defenses of our Dutch Harbor air base. Anyhow, the bombing did not much damage, and the casualties were light. So the Navy now repeats.

The picture given is ~~one~~ one of an enemy feeling out, trying to get a line on a situation. And it seems improbable that the test bombing and the scouting at Dutch Harbor were intended as ~~rexxx~~ retaliation for the Jimmy Doolittle assault on Tokyo. Hardly a Japanese way of saving face.

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One ~~surmise~~ surmise is that the ~~air~~ ^{may} air attacks be a preliminary to an attempt to seize one more of our Aleutian Islands. The Canadians are not blind to ~~that~~ that possibility, and in the Ottawa Parliament it was stated today that the Dominion Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Kenneth ~~Stewart~~ Stewart, ^{is now} ~~was~~ on the ~~Pacific~~ Pacific coast arranging for the assignment of troops to meet all emergencies. The United States too is on the alert, and tonight on the shores of the Pacific from the Aleutian ~~Is~~ Islands to tropical Panama - there is a vigilant lookout.

In Australia, General MacArthur tells of a heavy multiple blow by a single American submarine. That one ~~undersea~~ undersea boat with successive torpedoes, sank three big Japanese vessels and damaged another. Two of the enemy craft sunk were heavily loaded supply ships. The third was a crowded troop transport, and the communique from Australia states that all the troops aboard were probably lost.

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At the same time, a Jap submarine has sunk an allied cargo ship along the supply line to Australia. Two other vessels of the United Nations were attacked, but escaped.

HAIRDRESSERS

The paradoxical ways of modern war are illustrated by a news item from Australia. This tells of a recommendation that hairdressers be attached to the staffs of munitions plants. Engineers, mathematicians, and metallurgists are not enough. Still another kind of technician if needed, ~~a beauty expert, a~~ *a beautician, a* maestro of the permanent wave, finger wave, marcel. Not to forget - peroxide.

Today, the Australian Minister of Munitions, Norman J. A. Makin, said it would help the war effort if women armament workers were able to have their hair done while on the job. They could take an hour off for the beautifying job. Right ~~now~~ *now* they usually take half a day off for the purpose. So he is formally recommending that the technical staff of any war plant, where women are employed, shall include a hairdresser.

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It sounds logical - but I hope they don't get mixed up. The hairdresser might try to construct an aviation motor while the mechanical engineer might be inspired to give a girl a permanent wave. The motor wouldn't run and the wave wouldn't wave, and ^{then} all would be confused ~~and~~ *confounded*.

WAR DECLARATION

It seems hardly ~~worth~~ worthwhile to mention the United States declarations of war against three nations. The Senate voted these today - unanimously. The lower house okayed them yesterday. And all that remains is White House action on the declarations of war against Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria. These countries are such complete satelites of the Axis that *today's* ~~the~~ proclamation of a state of hostilities ~~today~~ is hardly worth mentioning.

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The House of Representatives is in the midst of ~~an~~
a lively controversy concerning those two New Deal Social
agencies - the Civil Conservation Corps and the National Youth
Administration. Yesterday, the House appropriations Committee
voted to abolish the ~~C.C.C.~~ C.C.C. by refusing ~~to~~ to put ^{up} the
money needed to run it. At the same time, the committee voted
to give the N.Y.A. a lease on life. They refrained from striking
out the funds needed to keep that agency going.

Today Administration legislators were ^{still} trying to rescue
the C.C. C. While other congressmen were making efforts to
~~abolish~~ abolish the N.Y.C. Republic Taber of New York said:
"There is no more dangerous anti-defense activity than the
N.Y.A."

(~~this can be easily be dropped if necessary~~)

TAXES

The Secretary of the Treasury today named a date for starting a system of collecting income taxes by weekly deductions from payrolls. The Secretary said he hoped that this could begin on January First of next year.

There were previous suggestions that the payroll deduction idea could be put into practice some time during this year - with employers holding back percentages of wages to be applied to the income taxes of employees. But Secretary Morgenthau said today that this year the taxes for last year are being paid in the regular way, and so it would not be wise to have two methods of payment going on at once. Hence, he thought that payroll deductions had better begin on January First, ^{next.} ₁

ROBBERY

In any war you will find some curious twisters.

Here is one from Denver. A policeman came suddenly upon two men holding down another man. They had him pinned to the sidewalk.

The two men, when they saw the cop, told him they had captured a Nazi spy. ^{that the} ~~The~~ man they were sitting on was an enemy secret agent.

The fellow underneath gasped indignantly, and denied he was an enemy spy. He protested that he was a patriotic American, and explained that the other two were trying to rob him.

So what was it, espionage or theft? Was it a case of robbers pretending their victim was a spy? As a piece of impudence, that could be ~~be~~ exceeded only by the other alternative/a spy pretending that his captors were robbers.

Today the judge handed down two prison terms, and the verdict was - guilty of attempted robbery. ~~They were~~

~~sentence~~
The men who cried "spy" received a jail sentence. And now a sentence or two from You, Hugh.