

COAL

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The War Labor Board has okayed the wage agreement in the settlement of the coal mine strike. This is the latest tonight -- after hours of waiting for a W. L. B. decision. The Board voted eleven to one to approve of the wage settlement negotiated by fuel Administrator Ickes and John L. Lewis, ~~the~~ leader of five hundred and thirty thousand coal miners. The one dissenting ~~vote~~ ~~was~~ cast by Wayne L. Morse, who sits on the Board ~~as~~ as representing the public. He objected because it was, in his words, contrary to sound public policy for the War Labor Board to approve the ~~agreement~~ agreement which was negotiated under the duress of a strike. The majority, however, contended that the Ickes-Lewis contract which gives the miners an increase of a dollar-and-a-half-a-day for an extra hour of work each day, is okay because the wage boost will be in payment for ~~an~~ increased production of coal.

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~~of the story.~~

Late word from Allied headquarters in the southwestern Pacific tells us that powerful Japanese naval reinforcements are moving toward the focus of battle in the area north of the Solomons. These forces, spotted by allied aerial observers, consist of nineteen Japanese warships -- mainly cruisers and destroyers. They are steaming from the number one enemy naval base in Mid-Pacific, Truk Island, and apparently are reinforcing the Japs at their key base in New Britain -- the harbor of Rabaul.

Among the warships are large convoys of merchant craft, and the supposition is that the tonnage of cargo vessels is intended to make up for the heavy losses that allied planes inflicted ~~on enemy shipping last Tuesday.~~ on enemy shipping last Tuesday.

The ultimate purpose of the naval movement, however, may be larger. The Japs may be trying to reinforce their garrisons on Bougainville, ~~or~~ or perhaps they may have in mind an attempt to evacuate ^{their forces} ~~the Japs~~ from that island.

The enemy situation on Bougainville, where they have

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a large number of troops, is all the more serious after the American naval victory north of the island on Monday night.

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~~Note. Pick up with the sentence: "The net result was the sinking, etc. etc."~~

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The Japs are moving again on the sea-this in spite of the beating they took the other night off Bougainville, Allied air scouts report large numbers of enemy warships and transports on the ocean north of their big base at Ex Raboul. It is believed that the Japanese ships are from the great naval base at Truk, and they may be trying to reinforce their garrisons on Bouganville, or perhaps it may indicate an attempt to evacuate the Japs from the island.

The American victory on Monday night is confirmed by new dispatches, which state that the naval attack was launched within twelve hours after the marines invaded Bougainville. The net result of which included the sinking of five enemy warships, a Jap cruiser and four destroyers. Two other cruisers and two destroyers damaged. No Allied vessel was lost, although several incurred some damage.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has issued a statement declaring that the seizure of air bases on Bougainville island may compel the Japs to evacuate Raboul

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their number one stronghold to the north of the Solomons. From bases at Bougainville, American bombers would be able to operate so effectively against that key point, Ragoul, that the Japs may have to get out.

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JAPANESE PUPPETS.

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There is a good deal of speculation on the subject of Japanese attempts to line up the conquered peoples on their side. Many of us have wondered how cleverly the Japs are doing that kind of job -- with shrewd policy and ~~the~~ propaganda, maybe. Some slight indication may be found tonight in a bit picked from the Tokyo ^{radio} ~~news~~, which tells how Tojo addressed an assembly of heads of puppet governments. Tojo is quoted as telling the conquered people that they are inferior, but the Japs will treat them with what Tojo called "love and understanding". The full quotation is worth pondering upon.

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JAP INTERNEES

Today's news about the U.S. Army taking over a Jap internment camp is accompanied by an ugly bit of information. At Tule Lake, California, where there have been those riots and disturbances among the segregated Japanese, we hear that the trouble makers were spurred on by the idea that they would be immune from punishment. Figuring the Americans would be afraid that the Japs across the Pacific would retaliate against American prisoners in Japanese hands.

So they engaged in a deliberate campaign of obstruction and provocation, stirring up trouble. For example- all day long one Jap walked back and forth across the road getting in front of cars so they had to swing to a ditch to avoid hitting him. The climax came when rioters stormed the administration building and kept a hundred Americans as virtual prisoners, including National War Relocation Director.

Army control of the camp was not accomplished without violence. The soldiers rounded up five hundred of the most rebellio^us of the Japs, and today one soldier made the following significant statement: "They were getting near ~~to~~ our ammunition depot, when we caught them", said he.

We are told how ^{when the} Japs dashed out of their ^{barracks} ~~quarters~~,

~~and~~ they were armed with bats and pick-handles. They ran through the area where the white people were quartered, and yelled: "fight, fight!" ^{And promptly they} ~~They~~ got into a battle with security officers, ~~and~~ there was a wild melee - and casualties were incurred. Sixteen persons were injured, fifteen Japs and one white security officer. In the middle of the fighting, the Army arrived in tanks and armored cars, and order was quickly restored.

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt told today of a conference at Chungking. This follows the news of that other big conference at Moscow. The Chungking gathering was strictly military, and the President stated today ~~that~~ it reached a full agreement for joint operations in the forthcoming continental campaign against Japan. A continental campaign would, of course, mean blows launched on the mainland of Asia.

The conferees at Chungking were British Lord Louis Mountbatten, ~~our~~ supreme Commander for ~~southern~~ southeastern Asia, and American generals Stilwell, Chennault and Somervell. The presence of General Somervell was significant as he is the Commander of the ~~supply~~ supply forces ~~of~~ of the United States Army. Stupendous amounts of supplies will be necessary for that continental campaign. The British and American leaders made plans with Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek.

The President stated today that everything turned out okay, with an agreement for joint military operations - bad news for the Japs. ~~on the mainland~~

FOLLOW AIR RAID

A ^{late} ~~news~~ dispatch tonight identifies the major target in ^{Germany} hit by today's record-breaking daylight air raid ^{by U.S. bombers:-} Gelsenkirchen

-- which is a most important Nazi war center. Its importance can be spelled with three letters O-I-L. Gelsenkirchen is noted for oil refineries, where the Nazis make their gas for war. Today brought the forty-fifth air assault against that place, which shows that the allied air forces are going after the fuel that makes modern war run -- oil.

In the face of the intense opposition, the more than one thousand American bombers and fighters suffered ~~only~~ minor losses -- ten heavy bombers, two medium bombers, and five fighters.

~~The~~ Day before yesterday, American heavy bombers launched their greatest air raid against Nazi Germany. And *then* today the news ^{was} ~~is~~ the same, ~~all over again~~ - flying Fortresses and Liberators making ^{a still bigger assault,} ~~their biggest assault against the Nazis.~~ ~~In other words, today's bombing attack was even~~ greater than that previous record-breaker.

~~More than a thousand planes, giants of the air escorted by swarms of speedy fighters, hit a series of important targets in Germany. (Their importance is indicated by a phrase used in the dispatch, the phrase "Germany's most heavily defended".)~~

Returning pilots emphasize the intensity of the defense. Bursting anti-aircraft shells were, in the words of one flier, "thicker than polka dots on a necktie". ^{Also,} the persistent swarming of enemy fighters was illustrated when an American ~~pilot~~ pilot told how close one German plane got to him:

"I could smell the sauerkraut on the ^{Heine} pilot's breath", said he.

In spite of the violent opposition, today's daylight bombing raid scored a destructive success, ~~and the losses on our side were not great - 10 heavy bombers, 2 medium bombers, and 9 fighters.~~ ^{and the losses on our side were not great - 10 heavy bombers, 2 medium bombers, and 9 fighters.}

RUSSIA

Today the Soviet forces stormed into the outskirts
of the great Ukrainian capital, Kiev. Moscow announces the
capture of ~~the principal~~ ^{the principal} northern suburb of Kiev and the last
Nazi bulwark protecting the city. The Russians give us a
picturesque detail, as indicating that the Nazis are ~~an~~ becoming
more and more disorganized. (The Soviet story tells how a great
German supply column, coolly rumbled into the city of Kahkukova,
after that town had already been occupied by Soviet forces.
The long supply column, ignorant of what had happened, just
rolled in to be captured.)

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The late night bulletin from General Montgomery's Eighth Army informs us that the Nazis now have evacuated *the town* San Salvo. They fled from the town in the hours of darkness, after the battle of tanks. This armoured action was fought in a series of duels between rumbling monsters ~~that~~ *it* it out with exchanges of gunnery.

The importance of the Italian front to Hitler is a thing much discussed, and here's something to indicate that importance -- if the dispatch be true. A bulletin from Madrid states that the Nazi Fuehrer has ordered twenty divisions ~~in~~ into Italy -- twenty divisions of what are called "strategic reserves". That is, troops that were held for emergency, and now the emergency for the Nazis seems to have come in Italy -- according to the ~~Spanish~~ Spanish account. The new reinforcement brings the total German strength in Italy to fifty divisions, twelve of them armoured, ^{so} we are told.

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from exile and who is a liberal leader ^{and who is} calling for the abdication of Victory Emanuel. ^{and} Paoli states that Count Sforza seemed to be disappointed with the reception he got which, adds ^{the U.P. reporter,} ~~Paoli~~ was in contrast with the cheers accorded the King.

TP Here's ~~something about another Italian personality,~~ ^{strange news about a colorful} ~~and the news has a strange sound indeed.~~ ^{Italian personality,} Count Ciano, son-in-law of Mussolini and Minister of Foreign Affairs in the defunct Fascist Government. From Switzerland comes the word that the new puppet Fascist ~~is~~ regime now headed by the ex-duce is ^{clearly} expected to condemn ^{Count} Ciano to death.

The story is that, after the downfall of Mussolini, Son-in-law- Ciano fled and hid himself in a villa in Tuscany.

There recently the Nazis found him in concealment, and handed him over to the phoney Fascist regime that they are sponsoring -

^{yes,} handed him over to his father-in-law, Benito. ^{And now} ~~the~~ Ciano is

to be put on trial, with the likelihood that he will be condemned to death. ^{The dashing young Fascist who married Mussolini's daughter Edda, who}

^{double-crossed many people - even the man}
We are given ~~in~~ no detailed reasons for this grim

father-in-law drama, but at the time of the tossing out of the ^{the once swaggering} Duce, it was stated that Ciano played a considerable part in the

*who gets
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office.*

Ciano was then
ousting of his father-in-law. ~~He was~~ a member of the Fascist
Grand Council, which, in a ~~stary~~ stormy scene with Mussolini,
called upon him to resign.

POST WAR

There was White House approval today for the idea of embodying sections of the Moscow declarations in the Senate resolution for Post-War World collaboration. ^{next} The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted to incorporate that part of the Moscow document which calls for the creation of - a general international organization to maintain the peace. And late this afternoon, the Senate ^{itself} voted overwhelmingly in favor of the ^{resolution,} ~~amendment~~ including the principle of an international organization ^{as} set forth in the Moscow declaration. The vote, ~~was~~ eighty-five to five.

LEND LEASE

The Truman Committee of the Senate comes out with a series of demands ^{relating} ~~relating~~ to Lend-Lease. The committee makes the declaration that lend-lease was never intended to be a device for shifting the financial burden of the war onto the United States, and the call is issued for more reverse lend-leave. That is, our allies ~~should~~ should reciprocate by giving us more materials free of charge. Also - they should employ more of ^{their} ~~our~~ own resources, and use these to a ~~at~~ maximum before requiring lend-lease.

For example, the committee wants inquiry to be made as to whether or not the British should pay for lend-lease oil they get - pay in terms of British-owned oil. The suggestion is that payment could be made by transferring to the United States the ownership of a certain amount of British - controlled oil reserves overseas.

Also, the committee argues that reverse lend-lease might take the form of nickel, copper and tin from mines abroad - and manganese from Russia, after the war. And the Senate group wants questions of rubber to be straightened out,