

American sea and air power has hit the Japs at Manila for a second time - so says Tokyo. The previous word was a Washington bulletin telling of a first assault - a powerful American task force sending its planes against military and naval centers in the area of the Philippine capital.

The shores around Manila Bay have long been known for great bases, like historic Cavite. That sector is the heart of power in the Philippines. So there was a thrill of elation at the early news - an American task force striking at Manila.

And now a second blow - today. This, reported by the Japs, has not yet been confirmed by our own Navy, but undoubtedly it is true. And it seems to mean a continued series of blows against the enemy at Manila.

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It may also mean something else, as the Japs are quick to suspect. Today Tokyo stated that the puppet government in the Philippines has declared martial law, because of what the puppets call - "The

momentary danger of invasion". And that might well be the case. MacArthur made his ~~xxx~~ vow to return to the Philippines, and it seems as if he might be about to fulfill it.

Here is another Japanese bulletin - telling of a batch of Jap Admirals who have perished. This is to be added to previous lists of high naval commanders of the Far Eastern enemy who have lost their lives. Now five more. Tokyo doesn't say just what happened, merely announcing the death in action of five more Admirals of the ^{Mitanda's} ~~enemy~~ fleet.

FOLLOW PACIFIC

The latest news tells of the Army joining the Navy in hitting the Japs in the Philippines, - long-range land-based bombers sinking ships in Philippine waters. Also off the Dutch East Indies -- fourteen Japanese vessels in all. It was just ~~part~~ part of the day's work for MacArthur's bombers, which make *the* regular rounds over the Philippines.

On Peleliu Island, so close to the Philippines -- the battle for the caves continues. The latest tells of an advance by the first Marine Regiment against cliffs where the Japs are fighting to the death in deep caverns. Day and night American land artillery, naval guns and war planes smash at that cliff with tons of high explosives. But that is said to be useless against caves ~~they are~~ so constructed that the Japs are protected from every form of attack except bazookas and flame throwers; and those the advancing marines are ~~xxxxx~~ employing.

CHINA

Another turn of danger for the hapless Chinese. Another Japanese drive making dangerous progress. In their campaign to seize the Hankow-Canton Railroad, the main Jap force has been pressing South, but at the same time another enemy column has advanced from Canton, making it a two-way advance along the railroad. And today's news pictures the column from Canton as pushing rapidly forward, capturing Wuchow - one of China's big cities.

The Chinese explain that the drive from Canton is making such rapid progress because China's Army has been compelled to concentrate against the other Japanese force which is threatening Kweilin. The Japs are said to be within eight miles of that recent American air base, which has now been blown up.

WESTERN FRONT

There is not ~~any~~^{such} good news to report about the battle for Germany tonight. In Holland, the ~~British~~ airborne force beyond the Rhine is in a more critical position than ever. The British second army has been driving with all its tenacity and power to join forces with ~~the~~ the paratroopers, who have been isolated and under siege for days. But the relief force has not succeeded not as yet. The Second Army crossed the Rhine, and it seemed as if it might speedily thrust its way to the surrounded soldiers of the sky. But today the push ran into a stone wall, powerful German defenses that could not be broken - not immediately, at least. The German ring around the paratroopers held, and at last reports the heaviest kind of fighting was on - with the second army straining every nerve to force a junction.

The plight of the British paratroop force is reflected graphically in a dispatch from United Press correspondent Stanley Maxted, who landed with the airborne troops. His dispatch by wireless reads like a diary:- "Maybe the tanks will arrive today", it says.

"Anyway, we are holding on until they do. This is the Fifth day and our force is still being heavily mortared, heavily sniped and machine gunned, ~~and~~ and heavily shelled. The troops are being ^asked to do more than flesh and blood should have to endure. But as their commander said, "they are of good heart. These airborne men are magnificent".

And then the diary-like dispatch continues:

"The Germans brought up loud speakers and megaphones to call upon us to surrender today, and a bunch of British glider pilots are yelling their heads off, swearing back. We don't know exactly where the bulk of the second army is, but we'll be here and ready when they come".

Tonight the prayerful hope is that the second army will break through soon, and shatter the German siege ring around the paratroopers. Their plight, said one dispatch today, is critical - ~~not~~ but not hopeless. (Here's the latest - a bulletin that the 2nd Army is making new progress toward a junction with the paratroopers. To the south, the american first army sustained the first definite reverse for the Allied

forces since the battle for Germany began - the first case of being forced back. General Hodge's Army announces that it has had to pull back across the German border at one point. Fierce German counter-attacks assailed American units that had driven into the Siegfried line, and under violent attack they were compelled to withdraw. This was at the point where the Allies had staged their first thrust into German territory, penetrating the Siegfried line. The fighting there is intense, the Germans hurling great tank forces with reckless fury - and never mind the losses.

South, along the Moselle, General Patton's Third Army is engaged in the greatest armored battle since the invasion of France began. Today the Germans counter-attacked repeatedly in the flat country east of Nancy. And the official report is that the third Army had not previously encountered such a concentration of mechanized power. A whole series of tank battles was staged - the Germans losing heavily. In the last ten days, the Americans have knocked out at least two

hundred and fifty nine of their tanks, but they still keep coming - regardless of losses.

The General picture along the entire front, from the English Channel to Switzerland, is one of tremendous enemy effort - the Germans hurling the limit of their power in counter-attacks to hold back the Allied Armies. The military opinion is that - "hold" is the word. The violent blaze of German assault is regarded as a monster effort to delay the Allied advance, until the Nazis have had time to prepare the line of the Rhine - and get ready all the ~~fastest~~ fortifications they can.

The over-all picture we hear is ~~fm~~ favorable - because, to hold the British and American armies, the German high command is being compelled to throw its reserves into the maelstrom, use up its reserves.

Now H. V. ^o with his evening message from Stan. of Calif., and then more news.

RUSSIA

Stalin tonight announces the capture of Tallinn, the Capital of Estonia. This follows words of a rapid Soviet advance into that Baltic Country, with Berlin announcing that the Germans had evacuated the Northern Part of Estonia - pulling back to a new defense line.

At Warsaw, Soviet Troops have driven into the city and joined forces with the Polish Patriots, commanded by General Bor. The Russians forced a crossing of the Vistula near Warsaw, and went on into battles of violent street fighting. Polish Underground Forces, after sustaining so long and bitter a siege, staged assaults of their own - and then followed the junction of the Poles and the Russians. (And that would seem to bring to an end the epic of Warsaw, the Polish Patriot uprising which has been one of the heroic episodes of the war.

RUMORS

Europe reports a couple of mysterious radio flashes -- rumors. One asserted today that a German peace delegation had gone to Moscow. That was picked up by Stockholm and appears to have originated somewhere in East Prussia. It's hard to imagine who'd be sending out that kind of news - a tale of peace negotiations between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia.

A second mystery rumor told a tale of revolt in the German Army. Stockholm and also Paris picked up a voice purporting to be that of a German General - announcing that he had assumed control, his soldiers seizing a railroad station, post office and telegraph station. The alleged General denounced the Nazis and said he would lead the German Army back home - because the war was lost and further resistance was useless. That one appeared to originate somewhere near the present Western Front and might have been a twist of anti-Hitler R_u propaganda.

GERMAN RATION

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The military events of the war in Europe are reflected in a German food announcement today. The tidings of battle day by day have been telling about the German loss of France and so much of Poland and the Balkans - the loss of rich agricultural countries. And today the Germans were given ~~xxxxxxxx~~ another version of the same thing, a disagreeable version. - ~~the bread ration cut.~~

The Berlin radio announced the Germans will get less bread, much less. ~~Today's reduction in the ration is the greatest since the war. The last previous record-breaking cut was a year ago, after the Nazis lost the Ukraine - the Russian granary and bread basket. But today's reduction of the bread rationing exceeds even that.~~

Which, moreover, is accompanied by another sad announcement - less beer. Fritz will have to go with fewer foaming Seidels, - a dry realization for him that he has lost the war.

There is a lot of talking and a lot of thinking these days about what we are going to do with Germany

Japan
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~~after the war, what we are going to do with Japan,~~

~~what we are going to do with ourselves,~~ and with the

world in general. It seems to be generally agreed

~~that the nations have learned an exceedingly bitter~~

~~lesson, and that our leaders ^{this time} are less likely to make~~

~~the mess of things that they made after World War~~

~~One. Just approaching it with that thought in mind,~~

~~ought to help considerably.~~ ^{TP} Well, after the last war,

there were quite a number of men who fought in that

war who were so fed up, ~~so disgusted with the human~~

~~race, and the things we call civilization,~~ that they

tried to get away from it all. Two famous American

airmen of the LaFayette Flying Corps were among these.

Their names were Nordoff and Hall. They went to a

Southseas island, married Polynesian belles, and

thought they were going to live the life of Riley

under the waving palms. Instead, they couldn't choke

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their literary passions. They wrote books about the South Seas. And they both became rich, and more famous than ever -- because of Mutiny On The Bounty and other tales they told.

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Sitting beside me is an Englishman who tried to do the same thing in a different way. His name is Colonel R. V.C. Bodley. Wounded a number of times in battle, he finally wound up as a military aide to Lloyd George at the Paris Peace Conference. And what happened at Paris displeased him so much that he tried to take the advice of his friend, and my friend, Colonel T. E. Lawrence, of Arab ^{war} fame. Lawrence advised young Bodley to join the Arabs, the Nomads in the Desert. He said in that way he cut himself off from this frantic world, as completely as though he took a rocket ship to Mars. ^{TR} Young Bodley took Lawrence's advice. He went into the Central Sahara and for seven years he wore the clothes of an Arab, and lived their migratory life. Luckily, ^{for us,} after seven years he came out

of the Sahara, and of course wrote a book. His
WIND IN THE SAHARA is one of the most widely read
books of the year. And no wonder.

But what I want to ask the Colonel is this:-

Do you, Ronnie Bodley, ~~do you think the nations have
learned their lesson? Do you think they are going to
do a better job this time than they did at the end of
the first World War? Is there no end to the our
international madness?~~ Do you see any hope ^{for man?}

What
is your point of view on this as
an ex-soldier who tried
to get away from it all?

We have been through several terrible years of war, of World War Two. The world's outlook is black? Everything seems to have gone wrong? Perhaps it has. Perhaps, for reasons which we cannot comprehend, everything has gone wrong. But that does not mean that things will be wrong forever. There is nothing which we can do which will change what has taken place since 1939. All the recriminations against Germany, France, England, Poland, and all those who started the conflict will not repair the damage.

The physical aspect of the universe is the same as it ever was. Its mountains and rivers and forests and deserts have only been locally affected by wars, by this war, and others before it. The trees continue to grow and the rivers to flow; the birds have not changed their way of living. Thinking of that a little should make us recollect that the world has been through turmoil before and has survived;

it should make us look forward, not back; it should make us look up, not down; it should make us determine that if the world of the future is to be better, if things are to be put right, it will depend on each individual one of us.

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ITALY

In Italy, it looks as if the German Gothic Line had finally been broken. This had seemed to be the case before, only to turn to disappointment - over there in the rugged mountains of the Apennines, where the Germans have made such stubborn use of country so easy to defend.

But now, on the Adriatic Coast, the old town of Rimini has finally been captured. Rimini - that romantic city of the Middle Ages, which now has been blown into wreck and rubble. And the British Eighth Army has driven on beyond the ruins, and is rolling ^{across} on the flat land of the Valley of the Po.

At the same time, the Americans north of Florence have broken their way ^{through} ~~to the~~ ^{as far as the} last mountain barrier leading to the ~~Broad~~ ^{plains}. They've reached a mountain corridor called Futa Pass, the last natural fortress that remains to be taken - before the valley of the Po is reached. American Troops are assailing the Nazi defenders of the Pass, and when they have driven through it, they will be within striking distance of the ancient University city of Bologna ^{famous for learning and sausages.} ~~And now here is H.J. who is famous~~

for his brevity.

distance of the ancient University City of Bologna - famous for learning and sausages. Bologna is the key point for a rolling advance across the broad level spaces through which flows the River Po - the broad valley that stretches as flat as a table all the way to the Alps.

A new army has entered the Global War, and it's *quite an* ~~wonderful~~ army. The republic of San Marino has declared war against Nazi Germany, and today the military ~~force~~ forces of that tiny nation joined the Allies in fighting the Nazi. San Marino, the Republic on a mountain top, has mobilized its entire manpower - all of nine hundred men. The nucleus of its battle strength, numbering a couple of dozen, is "The Noble Guard." Warriors gorgeous and resplendent, The Noble Guard of San Marino is famous for the most dazzling uniforms in all Europe - bright colors and gold braid, flashing swords, and flowing plumes on jaunty hats. I suppose that few of us have had any doubt of final

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and total allied victory in this Global War, but if there has been any misgiving, it must vanish - now that the tanks and the motorized artillery have been joined by the Nable Guard of San Marino, dazzling uniforms, swords and plumes and all!

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And here's Blue Sunoco Hugh,
golden voice, dazzling smile and
all!