

L.J. - Sunoco. Monday, Aug. 26, 1940.

The Irish people today found themselves involved in the war of the air. ~~today began to feel more of the force of Adolf Hitler's attacks.~~ Hitherto the Nazi raids <sup>to the</sup> west of Great

Britain have been confined to the waters around Eire. That is, ~~except for an airplane that crashed into Irish hills in the mist,~~

But today Goering's <sup>airmen</sup> ~~raiders~~ dropped bombs ~~in three~~

<sup>on</sup> ~~spots in~~ County Wexford, ~~this afternoon.~~ How much damage they

did we don't know, but flying bits of masonry killed three

<sup>children,</sup> Irish ~~girls~~ and injured another.

Actually there appears to be ~~some~~ doubt as to whether ~~all~~

this was intentional or accidental. County Wexford is quite

close to St. George's Channel. <sup>So</sup> the <sup>air</sup> raiders may have ~~thought~~

<sup>been</sup> ~~they were~~ aiming at British vessels on their way into the Irish

Sea.

At any rate, the DeValera Government promptly registered <sup>with</sup> a protest <sup>at</sup> Berlin, also a claim for damages.

With this it also became known that the Government of Eire has been holding negotiations with the Nazis for several days. ~~They are~~ Trying to arrive at some agreement whereby Eire might be left out of the Nazi Blockade of Britain.

These bombs dropped on <sup>Ireland</sup> ~~Eire~~ were spectacular only

*this is*  
 because ~~it is~~ the first time it has happened. Of course they *were*  
~~nothing in comparison with~~  
~~weren't a circumstance to~~ the Nazi air attacks on Great Britain,  
*along*  
 particularly the coast of Kent on the Straits of Dover. ~~This~~  
~~present phase of the Battle of Britain takes on the ~~apxxx~~~~  
~~appearance of a series of retaliations.~~

The Royal Air Force broke through the German defences and got as far as Berlin last night. That, we learn, was a reprisal for the incendiary bombs ~~xxxx~~ dropped on London by one lone Nazi raider, incendiary bombs which were reported to have set fire to a large area of ~~xxx~~ dwelling houses in the poorer districts of London. That Royal Air Force raid over Berlin was a message without words to the Germans, a message spoken with bombs, which said in effect: "If you are out to destroy London, we can do the same *to* Berlin."

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~~That~~ British raid on Berlin was notable because it succeeded in *bringing* ~~exacting~~ the first admission from the German High Command that the British had penetrated to the capital. The British dropped not only bombs but pamphlets, literature which was hastily picked up by Himmler's police. The pamphlets, printed in German, warned the people of Germany that the British

still had control of the seas and were now becoming stronger in the air.

One of the Royal Air Force pilots reported when he came back that the British cruised around over Berlin half ~~xxx~~ an hour before they located their target, a military objective. All the time guns were popping off quite accurately. "Suddenly," said the British pilot, "we saw a small gap beginning to open in the clouds three or four miles away, and we made for it." The Britisher located his target by the reflection of the moon and the lake. The first time he got over the target the fire from the Nazi anti-aircraft batteries was so hot that he couldn't drop his bombs. "But," he continued, "we went just far enough to shake off the guns and searchlights, then came right back over the target. Having dropped our bombs we turned away, dodging violently, because the <sup>anti-aircraft fire was</sup> ~~guns were~~ getting ~~hot~~ again." And he concludes with the report that the British pilots could see a large red fire burning before the clouds finally closed over the scene.

The Nazis retaliated with squadron after squadron of heavy bombers ~~xxx~~ escorted by pursuit planes. They tried a

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mass attack up the ~~XXXX~~ Estuary of the Thames, but the official British report is that the invaders were turned back by strong

British defenses. *Nazis also launched another* They ~~also delivered~~ heavy attack on the

area around Portsmouth, the great naval base and arsenal. And

there was <sup>TP</sup>raid after raid on the County of Kent. The British

say the attackers were <sup>all</sup><sub>A</sub> driven back. The Germans claim that

British anti-aircraft fire was feeble and ~~xxx~~ that the obstruction

offered by the barrage balloons quite futile. <sup>TP</sup> The Germans also

report a raid on the arms factories around ~~xxx~~ <sup>M</sup>Birmingham. ~~The~~

<sup>TP</sup> Berlin ~~Germans~~ claim<sup>s</sup> that the British are losing five planes to every

one of the Nazis that they shoot down. <sup>TP</sup> And what do the

British say? Just the <sup>opposite</sup> ~~same, except that their figures are~~

~~reversed. And that's as close as we can get to knowing what~~

~~really is happening.~~

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GUNS

The latest from France is that the Nazis are going to try to bombard London with heavy artillery. The big guns they have emplaced along the channel are capable of firing huge shells all the eighty-seven miles to London.

*But,* French military experts don't <sup>*think*</sup> ~~believe~~ those big guns will do much damage, even if they can fire eighty-seven miles.

Bombing from the air, they believe, is more effective than the worst that long-range artillery can do. Air bombs are more accurate, more intense, and each bomb holds five or six times as much explosive as one ~~big~~ Big Bertha shell.

GUISE

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x A royal personage died across the Atlantic today, a King who never sat on a throne. The Duke de Guise (pronounced Geez). He passed ~~xxx~~ away on his estate in Morocco near Tangiers. He was sixty-six years old. During most of his life he was known as the Count of Paris. He not only never ascended his throne, but actually never came near it, never had a chance, although for all his adult ~~years~~ years he never ~~ex~~ gave up his claim nor his ~~fix~~ futile hopes that the ~~xxxx~~ Bourbon family might ~~be~~ once more <sup>become</sup> ~~erected as~~ rulers of France. Though to observers outside the country the Bourbons have not had a look in at any time in ninety years, the government of the **T**hird **R**epublic never took ~~any~~ chances. Neither as count of Paris ~~xx xxxxxxxxxx~~ nor as Duke de Guise was the pretender ever allowed to live on the soil of France or even ~~to~~ visit there.



ALASKA

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Our territory in Alaska has attracted the covetous eyes of not only Japan and Russia but also of Adolf Hitler. Such was a rather astonishing statement made in San Francisco today. And the man who makes it is a person of some substance, Donald McDonald, engineer to the High Commissioner of Alaska. This engineer declares that the defenses of the territory could be knocked out in one hour, not by a fleet of airplanes or warships, but by three men in one fishing boat. Such a boat, says this engineer, could skip into the channels of ~~Seward~~ Seward Harbor in the dead of night and quietly remove all the channel markers. That would make the coastal area thereabouts impossible for navigation. The same three men could then finish the job by blowing up the harbor works, and the gas and oil reserves. The Navy has only three tiny bases in Alaska, and they wouldn't be much use in such a situation because it would take a hundred airplanes shuttling backwards and forwards constantly to supply those bases. \*Engineer McDonald points out that Soviet Russia is building a railroad to East Cape on the Asiatic mainland just ~~ixx~~ fifty-seven miles away from the Alaskan Peninsula. We've already heard from other sources that

the Soviets have been strongly fortifying an island in Bering  
Strait, *— the larger Diomedes — quite a* sizeable island just on the Asiatic side of the  
international line.



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 President Roosevelt's defense policy was the target of Wendell Willkie today. Specifically the Republican candidate found fault with Mr. Roosevelt's reluctance to give the job into the hands of one good responsible man. It's time, said Willkie, for bunk and conversation to end and for industry to be put ~~xxx~~ to work. Some production man should have authority to get the program swinging along. Without such concentration of authority it is inevitable that there should be jealousies, discord, delays, inefficiency. Preparedness, he declared, is just a matter of production, production, production.

When he was asked what man he would suggest, Willkie replied that Bill Knudsen, former President of General Motors, would be fine, a most able production man. If he were made Chairman of the Defense Commission he could turn out airplanes, tanks, and any other defense equipment we need, have them coming off the line in much shorter time than the present system. But the trouble is, declares ~~Willkie~~ Willkie, that as Knudsen is situated now he hasn't any authority. ~~Here~~ <sup>Here</sup> we have a defense commission, <sup>said he, but with</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>with</sup> no active head; and <sup>with</sup> all policy questions referred to Mr. Roosevelt himself.

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## CONSCRIPTION

Apparently the Senators opposed to conscription are resigned to the fact that they can't defeat it. This is indicated not only by the report that there are fifty-one Senators now in favor of the Burke-Wadsworth Bill, but by another action in the Upper Chamber which seems to make it definite. The champions and enemies of conscription today reached a compromise. By that compromise the number of men to be drafted at any one time while the country is at peace will be limited to nine hundred thousand. It was adopted ~~XXXX~~ unanimously, a pretty clear sign that the opposition is about through, except for some more talking. The Democratic leader, Senator Barkley of Kentucky, asked for a night session tonight, which probably means that the Senate will pass the bill by the middle of the week.

CAMPS

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The War Department is going to start at ~~xxx~~ once building camps and cantonments for the new Army. The money to build them has been turned over to the military authorities already so that there will be liveable quarters and facilities for the soldiers by the time they are enrolled. Altho the ~~xxx~~ conscription bill hasn't been passed yet, it has been taken for granted that it will be. In fact the latest survey of the Senators indicates that there will be just enough votes to pass the Burke-Wadsworth Act in the face of the opposition.

Among the appropriations that Congress has already made was a fund of two hundred million dollars turned over to the President virtually as a blank check. Out of this he has already allotted twenty-nine millions to the ~~xxx~~ War Department for building not only cantonments and barracks but ~~xxxx~~ such utilities as lighting plants, water systems, drainage plants, etc.

HOUSING - FOLLOW CAMPS

The Government also has to build dwellings for the far larger ~~xxx~~ army of men who will be occupied in making the munitions for war. The National Defense Commission has brought that fact to light.

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C. F. Palmer, Co-ordinator of the Commission, has advised ~~xxxxxxx~~ Speaker Bankhead of the House that we shall have to spend a hundred and fifty million dollars to provide housing for people engaged in national defense activities, also their families. A bill to set aside the money will be offered to Congress. The work will be in charge of the Federal Works Administration.

## ALIENS

Here's a useful word for those among us who are still counted as aliens. Registration begins tomorrow, but please don't all rush into the postoffices at once. That's official, it comes from Earl Harrison in Washington, Director of Alien Registration. Please, says the Director, do not stampede the registration centers. You've got four months, and the recording and finger-printing of three million six hundred thousand aliens is a whale of a job. There hasn't been time yet to perfect the machinery in every village and small town, though everything is all set in the larger cities.

DIES

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A blast from Martin Dies, Chairman of the Un-American Committee: He says he has positive evidence that the governments of Germany, Italy and Russia are pouring a flood of propaganda into America. And Dies charges that the purpose of this propaganda is first to throw a monkey wrench into national defense, second to prevent any possibility of our helping the British. He says these conclusions are based on records that he seized and evidence that his committee has taken in Texas, on the West coast, and in Kansas City.

The Nazi, Fascist and Communist Governments are bringing pressure on Americans of German and Italian descent, making them tools in a conspiracy, first to spread racial and religious prejudices, second, to establish spies and saboteurs in all factories turning out materials for national defense.

Dies declares further he has found that the Communists and ~~Nazis~~ Nazis and Fascists all employ the same slogans and the same tactics. The gist of the propaganda is to persuade as many people as possible that the totalitarian governments are doing ~~find~~ fine work and that what is needed over here is the same sort

of regime.

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Dies is going to <sup>address himself</sup> ~~write a letter~~ to the White House

tomorrow, asking the President to give the support of the administration to a bill he's going to offer in Congress, a bill which will make illegal all organizations and all individual agents controlled by any foreign government.



ARSON

Out in Cripple Creek, Colorado, a rooming house caught fire Thursday night. It was a pretty bad blaze, and before it was put out Morris Dolan, Chief of Police and also Fire Chief of Cripple Creek, perished from eating too ~~xxxx~~ much smoke.

One of the most active ~~xxx~~ of the fire-fighters was a twenty-seven year old Cripple Creek fellow named William Hailey, a close pal of the dead ~~xxxxxxx~~ Police and Fire Chief. He worked valiantly to extinguish those flames. But today he's in jail, accused of having started the fire which he helped to put out. The police declare that he confessed.

On top of that there comes a curious tale, the story of a professional fireman who has also for the last twenty years been a confirmed fire bug. The cops declare he confessed he set his first fire when he was only a seven-year old boy in Bakersville, California. For twenty years his private passion has been and arson, his public occupation and hobby fighting the flames.

A curious tale that obviously belongs in a book of pathological case histories. *And it comes from Cripple Creek, Colorado - where I come from.*

TRIPLETS

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There was joy in the household of Arthur Smith, a twenty-seven year old citizen of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Last Friday Mrs. Smith gave birth to a baby girl. But that wasn't all. After that little girl was born Mrs. Smith had to be taken to the hospital for another one was on the way, another girl born Saturday. But the Smiths of New Jersey were due for still another increase. A baby boy was born of that same mother on the following day.

Of course triplets are not exactly unprecedented, but this was a case of triplets arriving at the rate of one a day.

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Speaking of triplets reminds me of Hugh James. Hugh has something to say about ~~Blue-Sunoco~~ a pair of ~~twins~~ - Blue Sunoco twins. ~~Haven't you, Hugh?~~

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Gas and oil - or is it something else tonight Hugh?