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Inside Germany strange things are happening. Here

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is an account of them-and what they mean

HITTER: THE FACTS

Guns set up in Berlin to meet Potsdam coup

JAP TANKS IN BIG ATTACK

"75 miles from Singapore"

TOKYO claimed this morning that Japanese mechanised units had advanced 85 miles south of Kuantan (east coast Malayan port), and were now on the Johore border-75 miles from Singapore. Express War Reporter

GESTAPO FIGHTS ARMY HQ

Germany staggered by losses



Express Military Reporter MORLEY RICHARDS

THERE came into my possession last night astonishing details of Gestapo machine-gun posts erected at key points throughout Berlin and other German cities.

already complete.

Why the hold-up in Libya? Q. and A.-

Express Military Reporter HERE are the answers to I all your questions about

the war-front last night. a queer lull?

A.—Rommel has picked a spot at Jedabya which suits him well for a delaying action.

Heavy rains for many weeks have turned the strip of desert, about 50 miles wide beside the sea, into a morass where tanks and lorries would be hopelessly bogged. One hard road runs across it.

Q.—Can't Rommel be outflanked? A.—Well, the Germans have the sea on their left and a long line of cliffs on their right to the south-east of Jedabya.

Q.-What about a frontal attack? A.—The German commander has disposed a shock screen of troops between him and the Eighth

He has remnants of four famous Italian divisions, as well as his own German units.

British advance units are constantly in contact with these outer defence positions and some fierce minor battles have been

Q-is Rommel trapped?

A.—Not in the sense of being com-pletely isolated, but he is in a desperate plight. Q.—Is he getting reinforcements through?

A.—It is known that he is getting a trickle. Behind him is the road to Tripoli and he has supply dumps at El Agheila and Sirte. Imperial forces captured a German tank, the speedometer of which showed that it had covered 300 miles—about the distance from Sirte, in Tripolitania, to Jedabya.

Dive-bombers used against our for-ward troops have almost certainly been newly flown over from Italy Fuel and ammunition, in both of which Rommel is desperately short, may have been landed from small boats along the stretch of coast which the German general is precariously helding.

Under cover of darkness some supply vehicles may be getting through by road from Tripoli. Q.—Is the weather holding us up?

—Yes When rain and sleet cease the last engagement, which will open the road into Tripolitania will be fought.

A.—The supply organisation across 350 miles of desert was left far behind by our rapid advance. Now it is catching up, and many of our troops are having a well-earned break after intense strain. Q—Is it true that Rommel has been flown to Berlin suffering from tropical fever?

A .- Most unlikely. It sounds like an Axis story to save Rommel's reputation. He is as strong as a horse, and you don't get tropical fever at this time of year in North Africa.

Vichy jails three

Air Ministry, succeeding Commodore Harold Peake.

Their construction began after Hitler's purge of generals last month. Little attempt has been made to disguise their purpose. Some are

They are manned by Hitler's own S.S. Guards—men who were his personal bodyguard and have since been absorbed into the Gestapo, which, under Himmler, holds the whole of Germany and most of the rest of Europe in Nazi

The Gestapo defensive nests are precautions against a possible attempt to overthrow the Nazi Party régime. The breach between Hitler and the Army High Command is no longer a secret kept from the German people; this conclusion the battle of Libya, re- must be drawn from the dismissal in December ceived in messages from of the Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Brauchitsch.

Q.—Why has the fight against NEWS FILTERS THROUGH

The real magnitude of German reverses and appalling casualties in Russia are beginning to filter through.

America's entry into the war, though to some extent offset by Japan's initial successes, has increased German

Hitler, it is evident, is expecting trouble.

In Berlin double-towered bunkers 60 yards long and 20 yards wide are being erected near the zoo by the West Berlin railway station, in Friedrichshain, the workmen's district north of Berlin, and Lichtenberg, the industrial quarter in Eastern Berlin. They are shell-proof and equipped with anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank guns, and machine-guns.

Machine-gun nests have been installed on the roofs of scores of business houses and department stores, apartment houses and hotels.

These include Michels silk stores, near the Kaiser Wilhelm memorial church; Singors at the Wittenbergplatz; Meyer, the wine merchants on th Olivaerplatz, the Europahaus at the Anhalter railway station; the German Labour Front skyscraper on the Potsdamerstrasse; and the Karstad warehouse, Neukoelln.

Many buildings have been evacuated altogether, and are now occupied by S.S. Guards. These buildings have been reinforced inside with ferro-concrete. They are continuously guarded by Hitler's men. It would be wrong to assume after reading this news

that immediate revolt is anticipated in Germany. That is most unlikely. But there have been signs for many

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-By ALAN MOOREHEAD

HIS CABLE REACHED THE DAILY EXPRESS YESTERDAY FROM ALAN MOOREHEAD IN CAIRO:-

ARRIVED CAIRO WHERE PREPARING SERVES THREE ONE THOUSAND WORD EYE WITNESS FEATURES ON GERMAN ARMY STOP I AM TAKING LINE THIS FIRST TIME BRITISH FORCED GERMAN ARMY RETREAT ENABLING US EXAMINE THEIR WEAPONS CAMPS PROVISIONING TACTICS Q.—What are the main Imperial PRISONERS ETCETERA STOP PROPOSE FIRST ON ROMNELS DISPOSITIONS TACTICS SECOND ON HIS EQUIPMENT THIRD CLOSE UP OF PANZER SOLDIER CAN YOU USE = MOOREHEAD *****

the EDITOR REPLIED "YES." SERIES STARTS ON

WINTER INVASION Washington bets Hitler will try

Express Staff Reporter. NEW YORK, Wednesday. OBSERVERS in Washington are laying bets about a sudden stroke by Hitler. Their favourite long-shot

women for spying

Three Prenchwomen accused of anti-French activities and of spying for a foreign Power have been gets problem for the Axis leaders.

New peer gets post

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No night bombs

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Key to map of Hitler defences

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These—in a strategic line—include Michels silk stores near the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church (3). Singors in the Wittenbergplatz (4); the Europahaus at the Anhalter railway station (5); the German Labour Front skyscraper on the Potsdamerstrasse (6); the Karstadt warehouse at Neukollu (7); and Mayer, the wine merchants on the Olivaerplatz, which lies close to the Kurjurstendamm (8). The Wilhelmstrasse, where Hitler has his headquarters is numbered 9.

And the Luftwaffe is getting weaker

ND here are facts gathered by the Express Air Reporter about the Luftwaffe:-Since June, at a moderate estimate (the Russians put it much higher), the Germans have lost up to 8,000

This is how the Luft-waffe's front-line planes

are disposed now:

One - third on the
Russian front.
One - fifth on the
Western front (including 500 fighters). One-seventh in the Mediterranean.

The bulk of the remaining third is in Central Germany, be in g reequipped after the mauling it received in Russia. It is in such a state that it needs a lot of reequipping. equipping.

Wastage

output of aircraft has increased enormously, we have never had more aircraft than we can use, and it would be surprising if we ever found ourselves in that position.

First-line air strength of the Jap Air Force is about 2,500 planes.

F.D.R. sends new envoy to Turkey

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—
President Roosevelt today appointed Mr Laurence Steinhardt (Ambassador to Turkey. Major-General James Burns, Lease-Lend Chief, who went with Lord Beaverbrook to Moscow, may take over the Russian post.—B.U.P.

Here is an unofficial and partial list of their names:

Lieut.—Commander Gerard Gandy, Brockenhurst, Hants; Lieut.Commander John Yorath. Byfleet, Surrey: Lieutenant C. J. Collingworth, Carlisle; Lieutenant C. J. Collingworth, Carli Here is an unofficial and partial Hudson gets two hits

Siege survivors tell their story THIRST

By JACK BELDEN Express Special Correspondent CHUNGKING, Wednesday.

N the last three days of their heroic stand against overwhelming forces the defenders of Hongkong, without a sip of water in 72 hours, faced merciless assaults from unopposed Japanese dive-bombers and harassing sniping in the streets of Kowloon by Fifth Columnists.

That was the story brought from the fallen fortress by 62 British survivors of the 18-day siege who reached Shaokwan today after a perilous journey through guerrilla areas by speedboat and then on foot.

This exhausted handful of men told how the fate of Hongkong was sealed when a few Japanese soldiers, armed with waterproofed guns, swam into Hongkong harbour from the Kowloon mainland to the Victoria waterfront.

LANDED AT DOCKS

That forced the enemy to change tactics, carefully avoiding any more gun duels. The Japanese left everything to their air force.

Early in the Kowloon fighting Fifth Columnists sniped the streets.

Hongkong itself was comparatively free of spies and snipers, and all the civilians behaved admirably after the initial scare; but in after the initial scare; but in Kowloon pistol shots and rifle fire came from the windows of dark buildings all through the night.

HOSPITALS BOMBED

Emily Hahn, American authoress, was one of many who cared for the wounded in the colony's hospitals. Three of those hospitals were hit by bombs.

After the landing of the Japanese swimmers, troops crossed in boats in the face of artillery fire from the hills into the harbour, and occurring the eastern part of the

occupied the eastern part of the Six days before the surrender the Six days before the surrender the Japanese captured a water reser-voir, and for three whole days the soldiers of Hongkong fought the pangs of thirst as well as a hope-

The Japanese were fully informed of the delence works, and employed kilful tactics throughout the

They had complete control of the air There was not a single British plane in combat, but one four-engined bomber was brought down by anti-aircraft fire.

The men who told this story were 38 naval ratings, 13 naval officers, three Army officers, one Indian policeman, one R.A.F. flier, four men in the Merchant Service, and two attaches of the Ministry of Information

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official communique. We alties.

In charge of the naval forces was Captain Percy Todd, D.S.O. Gunnery is his speciality.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1936 by President introduced into Congress. In command of the destroyer Wishart in 1934 he saved 139 of the crew of the U.S. gunboat Fulton ablaze in Bias Bay. China.

Russians driving big new wedge

Advance to by-pass Mojaisk

Express Staff Reporter STEPHEN CHARING STOCKHOLM, Thursday morning. OSCOW announced in a midnight communiqué that a new thrust has been driven deep into the German lines west-south-west of Kaluga and that the town of Meshchovsk is

Meshchovsk is 45 miles beyond Kaluga and its capture still further widens the flanking movement on Mojaisk last high-water mark of Hitler's westward advance on the

The Russian communiqué also announces that a number of other unnamed localities were taken during

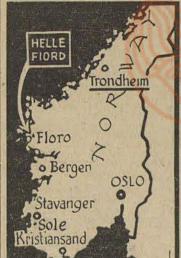
From Finland comes news of a major Russian offensive on the Karelian front, north of Lake Onega. It is designed to free the Murmansk railway. Finns face big attack.—Back Page.

NORWAY NAZIS CAUGHT AGAIN

Navy raids in snowstorm

NCE again Britain has struck in Norway. This time the Navy and the R.A.F. "commandeed" to penetrate holding, but the situation must Hitler's "impenetrable" defences, hunting his ships in Helle Fiord, between Bergen and Trondheim,

The Japanese landed at Taiku docks, overcame the machine-gun night in squalls of snow and rain. In several hours' work After that Hongkong had no chance. It was only a matter of time.



"The enemy was apparently caught unprepared and offered

major frontal offensive against the city. It is being led by tanks and armoured cars, driving down the

DICKSON BROWN

BRITISH and Indian troops, after smashing

up a Japanese attempt to

outflank Kuala Lumpur, capital of Selangor State, are

tonight grappling with a

FRONT, Wednesday.

NORTH-WEST MALAYA

direct north-south road from Ipoh. Supporting it are scores of level - bombers, dive - bombers, and fighters.

Our lines are reported to be **World war news**

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. - General MacArthur reports that in Jap raids on Philippine island of Luzon towns of Baler, Santa Rosa, Balamba, and Tarlac were completely razed. Many natives were killed .- Reuter.

NEW YORK. - Columbia **Broadcasting System reports** hearing Tokyo radio quoting navy section of Jap communique "Japanese Fleet is fighting U.S. Fleet in Pacific."

British forces were also involved, it said .- A.P.

be regarded as extremely critical.

time.

Yet the fight was carried on against overwhelming odds, with dive-bombers attacking their targets with merciless accuracy and the civilian population huddling in dug-outs:
Hongkong volunteers and a few Canadians had resisted as long as possible at Kowloon until, after the fifth day of fighting, all had crossed and taken up positions on the island.

British guns in the hills of Hongkong and Japanese artillery concealed behind Kowloon waterfront then engaged in a duel, but the Japanese guns were soon put out of commission.

That forced the enemy to change tactics, carefully avoiding any more targets tonnage off the town of Floro and two trawlers alongside a two trawlers alongside a two trawlers alongside a tanning factory were sunk.

The factory was damaged but the weather was so bad that it was difficult to see the shore targets. Another German factory was fired on Relays of fighters made an umbrella for our small warships and at Sole "a very good fire" was started. Two hangars were seen to be alight, runways and administrative buildings were hit which she could assure for herself is in the northern part of Ostrov Sakhalin which has been barely exploited by the Russians."

Japanese landing parties, after receiving reinforcements by land, the cross the River Selangor at the mouth of which stands Kuala Selangor.

Express Radio Station
Rear-Admiral Luetzow, German naval spokesman, told Japan in a broadcast yesterday that she could assure doil supplies from the island of Ostrov Sakhalin, off Siberia. The south part is owned by the Japanese, the north by—Russia.

He said: "The richest output which she could assure for herself is in the northern part of Ostrov Sakhalin which has been barely exploited by the Russians."

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CORREGIDOR FACES PARATROOP ATTACK

Express Staff Reporter WASHINGTON, Wednesday, APAN, it is believed in Washington tonight, is about to launch a great attack including the mass use of paratroops on Corregidor, the island fortress in Manila Bay, and on General MacArthur's last positions around the bay.

The Philippine war com-

The Philippine war communique today gave a grim picture of the situation facing the American and Filipino troops.

It said: "Heavy fighting has sighted—as our ships were returning from Norway. When one of the Blenheim pilots turned to meet it jettisoned its bombs and fled. "The enemy was apparently"

The Philippine war communique today gave a grim picture of the situation facing the American and Filipino troops.

It said: "Heavy fighting has been resumed along the entire front with the enemy increasing from Norway. When one of the Blenheim pilots turned to meet it jettisoned its bombs and fled. "The front lines of the American and Philippine troops are being attack. Several hostile planes continuously bombed and machine—"The enemy was apparently"

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America's pledge A MERICAN industry has given a pledge. It will

IN many sides of war production the United States

have already broken the world records they set up in the last war. When they made their

bases in France in 1917 they built entirely new harbours before the French could adapt old ones. They flung new railways half way across France. They packed the work of years into weeks. There is a still greater drive behind the Americans

Breaking the news IF the Allies carry through

the plans they shaped at Washington Hitler is beaten. There is no doubt of that. Hitler knows the danger that is piling up for him in Britain. The beleaguered island fortress of the past year has suddenly become the base for attack. With the power of the free world behind it.

That piece of news has to be broken to the German people, as well as the news that there is another nought to go on the figure of ermans killed in Russia.

The bridgehead

HIS own defence needs, and his own taste for attack, suggest that Hitler should strike a blow to disorganise Britain, the only Allied bridgehead into his continent from the west.

His attempt to recruit still more S.S. brigades for desperate jobs suggests that is contemplating the attack. So does his wholesale

construction of glider fleets. We must get some American drive into carrying out the new R.A.F. plan to guard British airfields.

Guard on airfields NIGHT and day we must keep adequate watch on

these airfields. We are not afraid that German air invaders could conquer this country.

We do fear the effect of German seizure of airfields. Because German seizure of airfields could hold up the Allied blow now aimed from Britain at the centre of the Axis.

With a few thousand picked men in Britain, Hitler could achieve more effect than with whole divisions in Russia.

Why not Eire?

W ELL, Mr de Valera, you have held out obstinately against giving bases to Britain. How about Eire bases for the Americans? Strategically Southern Ireland would offer the best base for the A.E.F. Sentimentally it is the right base, too.

A century ago Ireland was sending out the best part of her population to America. There are now three times as many Irish in America as there are in Ireland itself.

Today the best of America Bogey for this puzzle is 11 will be coming to Europe. Why not to Eire?

De Valera's chance Some look on De Valera

as an idealist. In that case he should be the man to welcome the Americans. Some call him an opportunist looking for the safe side. In that case he has still more reason to welcome the United States troops.

American bases in Eire would make Eire impregnable. They would add enormously to the power of Americans to defend Eire, Heed Office Glargow, Scotland, And at Which is one of their reasons for coming to Europe.

GERMANY WILL NOT STARVE-YET! BUT

Germans are not allowed TERMANS are not starving. They do to peel potatoes ... not go hungry farmers face a pig because they have been trained to a system of famine...the black rationing over many years, market manages to extort and also because their armies which have overrun Europe have sent them back great quantities of food they had not tasted in five years of peace: this to distract them from the monotony of their diet.

Just the same, it is right to report that Germany today is eating slightly less than she

eating slightly less than she did a year ago—and slightly less than we do today.

Their meat ration has recently been reduced. But this is happening on such a gradual scale that its effect cannot be immediately foretold. The German today is not so much conscious of the fact that he is eating less as that it is more difficult to get the lood from the Government store to his stomach.

Thus:—
The German housewife has to handle 105 different sections of her food ration cards. The British housewife today finds it troublesome enough to feed her family with less than a dozen ration cards. And these she is able to leave to a large extent to the skill of her tradesmen.

the skill of her tradesmen.

She does not have the age complications, for instance, that bother the German housewife.

Frau Schmitt has to fill in, cut out, present and keep intact cards for children under six, for children between six and 10, for children between 10 and 14, for a start.

The system has many virtues.

The system has many virtues, of which the major one must be that the right amount of food is going into the right mouths on a scientifically planned system. Its great disadvantage is that as the food becomes scarcer the statistical work required goes up.

HERE are snapregulations in Germany which are revealing:-Germans are not allowed

The German version of the points system yields to the house-wife one pound tin of vegetables Coupons must be presented in

Coupons must be presented in restaurants.

The German housewife is allowed one ton of brickettes for her stove for the whole winter.

The regulation breakfast of the German worker is coffee made from barley with skimmed milk, rye bread, and scrape.

Alcohol content of German beer is 24 per cent. (British figure approximately 44 per cent.)

Fish ration is one pound a Q.:

month.

Tobacco supplies have run into the same troubles as we have had ourselves (and cured). Sup
A.: 1 The Polish nigsty method.
2. The Austrian muddle.
3. Prussian organisation. had ourselves (and cured). Supplies to Germans are inadequate. After many experiments (in which in certain areas Germans were required to hand over spare coupon No. 6 of the Reich second clothing card), the position has been stabilised from December 1, so that men of 18 and over are able to obtain for each daily coupon one cigar, two cigarettes and five or six cheap cigarettes. Women cannot buy cigars, and are limited to 50 per cent. of the supply to men. supply to men.

Zurich, addressed to Mrs M.
T. Kals, of Vancouver, stated:
"The food situation is not so because illegal trading

bad, because illegal trading functions properly."

Germany's black market is like a bucking horse. It bucks up, then it bucks down. Profiteers are known as Hücks, or Löhndorfs (two men who received savage sentences for their activities).

The profiteers deal mostly in wines, liquors, stockings, chocolates, film negatives, and fruit. On November 14 last a gentleman called Lengerich, of Westphalia, for making false statements to obtain consignments and offering for sale 27,000 eggs, was put inside

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for sale 27,000 eggs, was put inside for six years
Unluckier still was a young baker of Homburg, aged 32, who for burning bread has been put in a cell for seven months. King Alfred was lucky.
The paragraph that announced this sentence carried the solemn heading "Bread supply sabot-

It is clear that the Germans It is clear that the Germans are willing to go to any length to sajeguard the steady but declining stores of foodstuffs available to them.

Thus Ernst Albig, of Letpzig, aged 44, was on October 31 sentenced to death for forging fat ration cards, while Anna Spyra, a wicked old woman of 66, of Zwickaw, was sent to prison for the last four years of her remaining span for purchasing illegally 1,350cwt. of soap.

WHILE the food situation remains steady, the soap situation in Germany is getting pretty

minutes-average 16 minutes.

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across:
Manifesto: 6. Avenus: 10. Mid; 12.
comantic: 15 Up; 14. Peel; 15. Ichor;
6. Red; 17. Hale; 18. Note; 20. Ears;
2. Avenus; 24. Trio; 25. Lane; 26. ATS;

CROSS

£2 8s for a pound of butter, £7 for a pound of tea ... they can't fall back on coupon-less meat in restaurants . . . most liquor has been commandeered for explosives HIGH STREET, GERMANY, 1942

is one cake to last two months), and that ingredient, coupled with bad chalk, produces a hard, dark, and smelly tablet which leaves a sticky feeling to clothes and discolours wool.

So unpleasant is the quality of soap issued to Germans today that travellers now leaving the country comment on the medieval odour noticeable in German crowds.

The German farmer or small-holder can be fined or even sent to prison for killing a pig which weighs less than 220lb live weight. weighs less than 2201b live weight. (In this country there is no weight penalty and the average live weight of pigs at killing under present rationing conditions is between 150lb and 170lb. The result in Germany is that pork in the pan is so fat today that it melts away to next to nothing.

Reports have recently come through that German farmers, may be faced with an approaching pig famine due to the rapid decrease of feeding stuffs. The number of pigs in Germany in the past two years has decreased by 15 to 20 per cent.

IN the German black market this Christmas a goose was selling at £5. Here a comparable figure would be £2 16. Black market price of coffee in Germany is £5 per lb. Butter, £2 8 per lb. Tea, £5-£7 per lb. Curiously enough there are indications that the famed German talent for organisation is showing hitches in the matter of food distribution. The favourite joke in Germany today is:— What are the three degrees

The greatest of these is 3. THE liquor situation is bad. Great quantities of alcohol imported from the conquered countries are commandered for explo-

Beer at 21 per cent, alcohol is so scarce that in many areas the pubs open for two hours a day The Christmas ration per household was one bottle of vin

Staple food for Germans through the winter months is potatoes. There is no shortage, for a great part of Northern Germany is given over almost exclusively to potato crops.

But this big dayness is now But this big danger is now

by Paul Holt imminent; potato supplies are distributed by canal. This week the winter in Germany has turned hard and the canals are freezing over. Severe local shortages will shortly appear.

In general the German food situation is far from desperate. They have great stocks of staples and of meat in cold shortage.

The two problems they have to face immediately are (1) monotony, (2) a breakdown in the distributive system. It would be foolish to decide that Germany will starve in 1942.

Tomorrow: Clothes

Tax

AMERICA'S vast new war plan means spending £107 in 1942 for every man, woman, and child in the country. This year in Great Britain we are spending about £104 a head. Of that £40 is being raised in taxu-

Some Americans claim that the burden of their taxes is already higher than ours. But new burdens will have to be imposed. In proportion to national income our taxaon is far higher than Of the Dominions, Canada

of the Dominions, Canada is spending about £60 a head, New Zealand more than £80, and Australia about £46, according to the latest figures available. New Zealand is taxing her people £39 a head, Australia £26.

No conclusive comparison of German spending with ours is possible, for Germany has the advantage of loot from occupied Europe and enormous occupation expenses from France.

But she is undoubtedly spending substantially more a head than our £104, while it is estimated that taxes and other demands on her people have reached £75 a head.

By the Way by Beachcomber

THE new pollcemanettes are I "taught everything except how to put on hand-cuffs." They are even taught cuffs." They are even taught ju-jitsu (or what æsthetes call "ballet"), and I am sure Professor Ju-Jitsu himself would applaud when some lovely creature, on a night-club raid, suddenly sets down her glass of bubbly and throws a card-sharper over her milkwhite shoulder. Then, dusting her shapely hands, she lowers her long, sweeping, Stik-On (8s 6d a pair) lashes and becomes adorably feminine once more. more.

O' policewoman, policewoman, give me back my heart! (Enter the fairies Grogblossom and Quartbottle.)

Policewomen's feet

"WHEN Gertle became a policewoman her feet grew five sizes in two weeks," "I know, poor dear."
"And yet look at Policewoman Freda. Her feet, after a year in the force are as neat and tiny and dainty and bewitching as ever. I can't understand it, Molly."

"Well, I think I can explain, Ethel. You see, Gertie never uses SNIBBO. Freda uses it day and grim.

Lacking fats they put liquid "Oh, I see." (Both think, resin into their soap (the ration "Good old SNIBBO.")

WORD

Across
1. Does it pull or push? (9)

6. Fitting to pad a table. (9)

11. Once it was seen on the board.

12. Again, if you eat after this. (3)

12. Again, if you eat after this. (3)
13. Moderate. (6)
14. The second nudist. (3)
15. Guard on the watch. (8)
16. A tame food? (4)
18. Near to getting your living. (4)
19. The doctor seems to have become entangled in a lie. (5)
20. Solo. (4)
23. A MSS. in bulky form. (4)
24. Bird. (4)
25. (7)

Down

1. It's mine to map but the children enjoy it. (9)
2. To a meal, for breakfast perhaps.

(T)
Those extra little bits! (8)
Time for morning coffee! (6)
Uninviting. (9)
Animal. (3) 8. Seed. (3)
Seal air may have receptive pos-

A much carried gun. (4)
The dean's chair; (5)
Some of the missing matches. (4)
Possess. (3)
Another

Hush, my ugly one!

Hush, my ugly one!

So well kept are the secrets of the movements of statesmen nowadays that, as the ugliest of them said to me recently, "We ourselves hardly know whether we are where we are, or somewhere else, and we often do not know whether we arrived safely until officials tell us that we have left. The statesmen we go to see never believe we are with them until we have gone, and we never believe we have seen them until somebody tells us both that we are really the people we really are. And then, even when we are sure that we are really ourselves, we can never be more certain than anybody else is himself, until the news is released officially. Well, I am now home again. At least, I think I am."

And somewhere a silver-haired old lady took off a false nose, threw her wig to an attaché, and stood revealed as — (Censored.)

Hoopla!

Now that boots are made of vegetable refuse, hats of spun glass, and industrial machinery of soya beans, nobody will be surprised to read of the man who makes petrol out of rupbish. He takes a pile of molasses, bedposts, braces, nuts, sawdust, mole's-fur, chalk, and so on, and ferments it. After that, you can either drink it or put it into the tank of a motor-car.

A proposal to set up (after the war) an international police force

rejected. (Account of meeting.) I SUPPOSE it was felt that there might be one or two difficulties about this.

and total world disarmament was

you had a kindova odd brogue."

Other customers included two
rather bogus Texas cowboys on
the bum who insisted on playing
guitars and yodelling, and argued
that beer was improved by the
addition of salt, and a New
Zealand sallor straying fai from
his ship, who attracted a curious
circle of Mexicans "He talks
English as good as us." they said
in surprise hard, practical routine job in the studios it's an enervating place-"a place where people place—"a place where people spend more than they earn on things they don't need to impress people they don't like"; though this definition is becoming obsolete by wartime restrictions and taxation.

I wonder how long a life some of Hollywood's more trivial parasitic industries can expect; such English as good as us." they said in surprise

This sailor was in London some six months ago. When he heard I was from Fleet Street and returning there shortly he said. "Oh. boy I can tell you you'll find it wiped right flat."

I xpressed doubt. "I'm telling you boy." he said. "I've been there—Fleet Street, Regent Street, all round there—flattened out like a pancake."

This irritated me so much that I went off alone to a dance club so exclusively negro that I was my own Livingstone.

NOT SO DUMBO

Hollywood the

newsman be-

gins to feel

real life.

vitamins—the contact with

Unless you're absorbed in a

asks customers not to clean their shoes with the towels.

Gardens for Japs

THE most surprising feature of this banal Eldorado begins at an unsuc-

cessful place ironically named

Venice (where a midwinter bathing beauty contest had to be abandoned the other day on account of inclement weather). The feature is

Interspersed among them are

market gardens, mostly run by Japanese: these were pulled in by the F.B.L last month. But most of those who were American citizens were allowed to return to

It is only fair to add that when you get away from this shoddy shore the country is spectacularly lovely to drive through. Whole fields of poinsettias make crim-

RADIO

HOME 7 a.m., News. 7.15.
Morning Star. 7.30.
Exercises. 7.50. Tune for Today.
7.55. Lift up your Hearts. 8. News.
8.15. Kitchen Front. 8.20. Records.
9. Past Tense or Present Tense?
(historical talk). 9.15. Norfolk
Hotel Orch. 9.45. Organ. 10.5.
Schools News. 10.15. Service. 10.30.
Music While You Work. 11. Violin
and Plano. 11.30. Sextet. 12.
They Played to Capacity. 12.30
p.m., Workers' Playtime. 1. News.
1.15. Calling All Women. 1.20. Billy
Cotton's Band. 2. Welsh Songs.
2.20. Midland Light Orch. 3. Music
While You Work. 3.30. Orch. 4.15.
What I'm Reacting Now. 4.30.
Variety. 5. Welsh News. 5.5.
Service (Welsh). 5.20. Children.
6.45. Farming Today. 7.5.
Theatre Orch. 7.30. Today in
Ulster. 7.40. Her Name is Cynthia
(comedy). 8.15. America Turns
Again to the Sea. 9. News. 9.25.
War Commentary. 9.40. Brahms
Quintet in B Minor. 10.20. Service.
10.40. Irish Verse. 10.45. Quintet.
11.15. Billy Cotton's Band. 12
midnight-12.20 a.m., News.

FORCES 6.30-7 a.m., Greetings: Reveille. 7.30.

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Folk Songs. 10.10-10.30, The Singing Salior 11. Anniversaries. 11.1511.30. Sing It! (jazz records).
12.30-1 p.m. The World Goes By.
11.5. Billy Cotton's Band. 2-2.20.
Organ. 3.30. Dick Powell: American
Service Songs. 4-4.30, Radio
Reconnaissance.
5—Frets and Strings 5.15-6.
Dack-Ack, Beer-Beer. 6.30, The
Plums 6.45, Guest Night. 7.15.
Music-Hall. 7.45, Eda Rersey
(violin). 8, Command Performance.
8.30-9, Everybody Sing. 9.25, Think
on These Things. 9.40, Old Town
Hall. 10.20, Greetings; Hatchett's
Swingtette. 10.45-11.15, Quintet.

oil-wells.

It isn't only outside Los Angeles that California doesn't altogether conform to Hollywood standards of elegance. sitic industries can expect; such establishments as doll hospitals and "dog togs—smart things for

establishments as don hospitals and "dog togs—smart things for dogs to wear."

Everything around Hollywood feels essentially ephemeral. Within a few miles, indeed, the process of rapid decay has set in.

Much of the coast near Los Angeles is astonishingly unlike what you expect California's sunbathed shores to be. It is no Riviera. It is more like the coast between Brighton and Worthing, but even grislier—a slatternly string-out of bungalows, drug stores, petrol stations, spaghetti shacks, and other good eats, pintable saloons, "motels," mostly in need of a coat of paint.

A motel is a portmanteau word for motor hotel, but it's not the kind of place to which you usually bother to take a portmanteau: it is a congeries of cabins, in each of which a notice asks customers not to clean their shaes with the towels. To the astonishment of Hollywood friends I took to spending evenings down town in Los Angeles, several sections of which have a nighly flavoured, indeed garlicky, atmosphere, refreshing after Hollywood's synthetic fragrance.

I particularly enjoyed an underground dive, chiefly frequented by Mexicans, which advertised in English and Spanish "free dance." This meant that when you'd bought a drink you didn't have to pay the plump waitress anything extra to drop her tray and become a hostess.

empty.

The waiter brought me a delictious chop suey with a sweet, knoobly biscuit, which when broken 1 found contained two pieces of paper bearing the The typical customer's attire at this joint would be an undervest, a long light-blue coat, striped trousers, and gym shoes. I found their sallow, squat, high cheekboned, melancholy faces far more "inscrutable" than those of Orientals, and as difficult to distinguish from each other, but not disagreeable.

Perhaps because all the stories they told about themselves were obviously untrue, they refused to believe I was an English newspaperman. Flatteringly they assumed I was something from Hollywood — perhaps a talent scout.

when I insisted, they would say, grudgingly, "But you haven't always been a newspaperman have you? I mean, you've been something better, too?"

Rising above the smugly symmetrical, viridescent palm trees for many miles as you drive along the coast, the derricks have a black, incongruous beauty of their own. Thousands of them are massed on the skyline like a cobwebby forest of gamps, or immense litters of baby Eiffel Towers.

A UNIFORMED cop
(a champion
weightlifter of Portuguese and
French ancestry) patrolled
the bar, chucking out drunks
every few minutes. For this the place

English. "I couldn't figure what

it was." he said. "but I could tell

Weeping Chinaman

I WENT to supper at a Chinese restaurant. The place was

texts. You will be vigorous and go ahead with your plans," and "Kindness from those of whom you least expect it."

I then observed to my dismay and embarrassment that the waiter (who should, of course, have been "impassive") was

s o m e time in Shoddy shore deprived of his proper son splashes across the purple

> The road climbs steeply; as it swerves thro a sandy cutting you catch a breathtaking panorama of lush valley below, snowcapped mountains beyond. Giant cactus writhes by the roadside.
>
> The only human habitations are the squatters, or roadmen's capins. you had a kindova odd brogue.'

HICKEY in CALIFORNIA

The only numan nabitations are the squatters' or roadmen's cabins, or occasional country clubs: the only evidence of contemporary civilisation are the electric pylons, each bearing the intimation "Jesus saves."

It isn't only outside less

Smell of garlic

He was no gent.

he gets a dollar an hour from

waiter (who should, of course, have been "impassive") was weeping.

I asked what was the matter. He explained that his parents were in Hougkong, and he didn't know what had become of them, and that his wife had just died of a hemorrhage, despite five transfusions.

He then produced two bulky albums of Chinese family snaps, at every one of which he was good enough to insfst I should look.

Exhausted by the kindness promised me by one of my biscuit texts, and feeling little of the vigour foreshadowed in the other, I went home, paying only one more call on the way—at the world's largest bowling palace, which has 52 sound-proofed alleys (bowling is a nation-wide craze among American youth)

In the cocktail bar here a man came up to me and said: "Excuse me, but can you tell me if David Garrick's tomb in Westminster Abbey has been damaged?"

I said I wasn't sure. I thought it was all right "I only ask" the place.

I sat with him one evening at a corner of the dance floor, which was lit only dimly and indirectly by the garish neons above the bar beyond Suddenly he flashed his torch in the face of a young man dancing with a girl. The youth looked round.

"Take your hat off," bawled the cop. I remarked I didn't think that mattered much at a dump like this. He replied, grimly, "If a guy's any kindova gentleman, he'll take off his hat when he's dancing with a woman."

It was some time before I disdamaged?"

I said I wasn't sure. I thought it was all right. "I only ask," he added, "because my name is David Garrick and I am his last surviving direct male descendant."

I omitted to ask him further details about himself: one's faculty of surprise becomes atrophied in California, but, looking back, I think this, too, was, in such surroundings, quite an odd encounter.

Men under 33 DE-RESERVED who are being

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brains as to what they can do for ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

Rupert's Strange Party-3 Rupert and his mother cudgel their



fancy dress for the party. There seems to be nothing suitable, even in the lumber-room, until Mrs. Bear returns to the front parlour. Then she smiles. "I know," she says. "I've meant to get new curtains for ages. I'll make you a costume out of these old ones." All at once there is a knock on the door and someone enters. "It's Tigerlily herself!" cries Rupert happily.

THE GREAT CLEAN-UP-4

BANK CORNER ... JUST ABOUT A YEAR AGO-



TURNED BY CAR

A FTER the case had been referred back by the High Court for hearing by Pwllheli (Caernarvonshire) magistrates, Frank C. Minoprio, of Haulfryn, Abersoch and Ascot, a former High Sheriff of Caernaryonshire, was fined £10 with five guineas costs yesterday for failing to provide billets for two evacuee children from Liverpool on April 16.

When the case was before the Bench on May 28 Mr J. H. Layton (defending) questioned whether the proceedings were valid on the grounds that Minoprio had been placed in peril by being accused, but not tried, for the same offence on a previous summons.

DECISION REVERSED

The objection was upheld, but an appeal in the High Court reversed the decision.

Mr Caradoc Davies prosecuted for the Lleyn Rural Council, stated yesterday that Minoprio was asked to billet two boys, aged six and seven, at his residence, one of the largest houses in Abersoch.

When the boys were taken there Minoprio was very reluctant to take them in because of his wife's illness.

On April 19 Minoprio took the law in his own hands, and his chaufteur brought back the boys to the council office, saying that he was instructed to return them.

Now almost "back to normal"

E ARLY in January 1941—a year ago this coming weekend -a high-explosive bomb crashed in the street near the Bank of England, plunging through to the subway.

The explosion lifted the roadway. It fell back, trapping people behind masses of concrete, Rescue parties and Ploneer Corps men, who had been clearing debris close by, were at work in a few minutes-toiling in a jumble of concrete, twisted iron girders, lamp-posts, and the remains of a traffic island. The picture above
—released for publication yesterday—was taken when the clearingup was in its first stages.

NEWS IN LINES

Moonlight

queue

YOR WICH women began

I queueing outside a store in bright moonlight at six o'clock

yesterday morning to get first

The stipendiary magistrate (Mr J. Wellesley Orr) said he was satisfied that a genuine mistake

CITY NEWS

Cotton drive

puts shares up

By BERNARD HARRIS

G OVERNMENT decision that the cotton business has now become as vital as munitions work, and that closed mills must

be restarted, sent speculators hurrying to buy textile shares

yesterday.

Between 10 and 15 per cent. was added to the value of several of the low-priced shares, while Lancashire Cotton Ordinary moved up to 24s., which is about the highest price this share has ever touched.

A ways of ontimism for which he

A wave of optimism for which no two brokers had the same explana-tion swept over other sections of the markets in the last hour of business, and produced some substantial gains in industrials mines and oils

Mysterious ouying of Mexican
Eagles pushed the price up to 12/3.
and San Francisco Mines added
another 1/Selling of Malayan tin snares
largely dried up, and rubber shares,
too, were steadler, in spite of the
new Japanese attacks in Malaya
Barclays Bank reports a drop of
£172,000 in net profits at £1,353.302,
but after allowing for heavier taxation it appears that ross earnings
were little changed on the year.
Dividend on the "B" and "O"
shares is again brought up to 14
per cent., a rate which has now been
maintained without a break for 20
years.

Allied Bakeries.—Interim, 5 per cent.

Later men of the Royal

Later men of the Royal

Lingineers and Pioneer
Corps built a temporary
bridge across the great crater,
and gradually the road surface was reconstructed. The
Bank of England is on the
left. The Royal Exchange is
at the far end of the bridge,
which had, when completed,
a 10ft-wide roadway, with a
white kerb-line, on either
side of which were 2ft footways. The surface was of
wood, but the whole structure was of massive steel
girders in two unequal spans
—supported by a pier of steel
girders rising from the
crater.

3 This picture—on the far side of the page—was taken at the same spot yesterday afternoon by an Express cameraman. The important Bank traffic junction is now well on the "back to normal" way. There is still a barricaded island of work in the centre.

The picture is No. 4 in the new Express series showing how blitzed British cities are being cleaned up

1 in 35

Malta on Tuesday had its first raidless night for five weeks. There were two alerts yesterday



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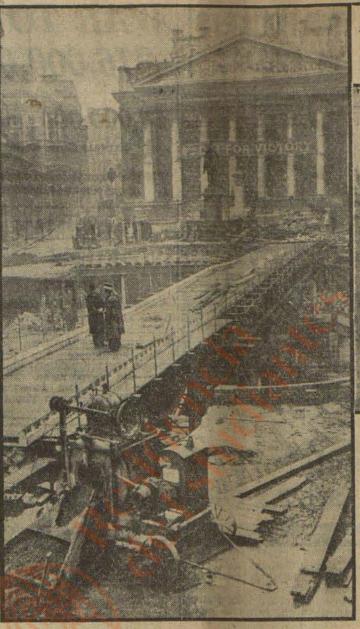
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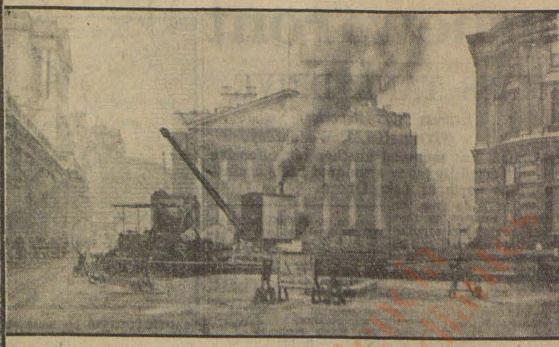
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'Commando' corps to PLUGGING guard airfields here

Express Political Correspondent GUY EDEN B UILDING up of the airfield defence corps so that it can not only defend airfields but retake them if they are lost, is planned by the Government. The corps will also deal with air-borne troops and troops, and will be trained in Commando methods.

Development of the organisation is regarded as a matter of urgency, and high priority will

be given for the allocation of men and there shall be no commercial equipment.

The original intention to put only is confusion of thought at older and less agile men into the force will the B.B.C. over the applicanot be adhered to, as the latest informa- tion of the "no-plugging" tion has convinced Service chiefs that the rule. defence of airfields is perhaps the most | Mr John Watt, director of

preparations.

the Army will have a say in the corps' activities. But rearrangement of the supreme command will ensure, it is hoped, elimination of

THE PLUGGER

A B.B.C. repeat By JONAH BARRINGTON

WHILE it is laid down in the B.B.C. Charter that advertising on the air, there

important of anti-invasion variety, states: "We do not give commercial credits." Yet it is The joint-command system will in order for Miss Rebecca West be continued. Both the R.A.F. and to give Brains Trust publicity to the paper of which she is a

"Arose naturally"

ment of the supreme command will ensure, it is hoped, elimination of conflicting orders and defence gaps.

EXPERT TEACHERS

A statement on the general principles of the Cabinet's decision is to be made immediately.

The corps will be increased to many times its present strength, and experts in modern warfare will be posted to it as instructors and advisers.

Service chiefs have full reports on the methods used by the Germans and the Japanese to capture airfields in Europe and in Malaya. Improvements on enemy technique have already been worked out.

"Arose naturally "
The B.B.C. argued yesterday: "Miss West's remarks, which included the name of the magazine with which she is associated, arose naturally out of the question. The remarks will not be removed from the recording, and will be rebroadcast next Sunday."

Another headache for conscientious officials is song "plugging." prevalent throughout the B.B.C.

A publisher admitted last night: "We pay three guineas a time to some band leaders for one performance of one tune. The system is frowned upon but allowed. A band-of-the-week can thus make an extra £300 on top of the £200 paid by the B.B.C. If the B.B.C. paid their bands more the practice would stop."

AS WELL AS BUTTER Defence arms from Britain

EIRE NOW HAS GUNS

Express Staff Reporter MONTAGUE LACEY

DUBLIN, Wednesday. E IRE, still neutral, and opinion unchanged by America's

entry into the war, is now becoming a country of pick of sale-price clothes.

Eventually police had to point-duty the crowds, allowing batches of customers in by relays. guns as well as butter, and her airmen are being trained to fly some of the world's best fighting planes.

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GOOD NEWS

FOR CHANCELLOR State owned pubs in Carlisle, Gretna, and Cromarty Firth earned 1940-41 net profits of £168,017, up £50,172 on previous year.

FOR BAKERS . . Wage increase subject to Ministry of Labour approval announced yesterday for baking industry, charge-hand, packers, and dispatchers—1½d an hour for men and 1d an hour for women.

TOR CLIPPIES . . Slacks (dark to five the country of the countr

FOR CLIPPIES . . Slacks (dark blue) can be worn by Sheffield women conductresses, the city anti-aircraft guns for defence are attending dance to the start of the start of the smart, fast-expanding army and anti-aircraft guns for defence are attending dance to the start of the s

6-inch bayonet

And the property of the carries a bayonet six inches of the dagger blade "—the Army High Command has evolved a new rifle which carries a bayonet six inches long. The heavest of the dagger blade "—the Army High Command has evolved a new rifle which carries a bayonet six inches long. The heavest of the dagger blade the periodic fading of the radio beam wanted new rifle, the Mark 4, has a longer barrel than the normal service rifle, although the mechanism is the same, and experts claim that it is more efficient than most other types.

WANTED NEWS

OF A BOTTLE of ether bought by a woman in mistake for cough medicine at the open air market in Leigh (Lancashire) yesterday. A police radio car toured the district last night appealing for the woman.

WHOME Guards shot Harold Townsley. 41-year-old were killed and four ratings were killed and five wounded on the Milford Earl

Girls prefer hostels

Girls who have once tried hostel life do not want to return to ordinary lodgings, said Mr W E. Butlin last night, after a 2,500 miles tour of Britain's munition factories

Home Guards shot

Harold Townsley. 41-year-old

C.W.S. fined

The Co-operative Wholesale Society was fined 20s, with £2 2 costs, at Manchester yesterday for selling 217lb of rabbits to the Oldham Industrial Co-operative Society at a penny a pound more than the maximum price.

Manchester, last night.

BAD NEWS

FOR JAPS . . Slogan printed on American business letters:

"Remember Pearl Harbour: Americans will not forget it."

FOR TROOPS . . East Suffolk Education Committee, meeting next Tuesday, propose to stop Sunday night dances for the Services run by vicar of Needham Market. Says vicar, Rev W. G. H. Thomas: "I shall fight."

FOR EARL OF MANSFIELD whose centuries-old Sarten Pearl P

Skipper W. McRuvie, R.N.R., in command of the trawler Phineas Beard and Temporary Lieutenant J. S. Neate, R.N.V.R., commanding the trawler Milford Earl, were killed when their vessels were lost, the Admiralty reported yesterday. One other officer and 10 ratings were killed on the Phineas Beard, and four ratings were killed and five wounded on the Milford Earl

MAKE HOUSES GRENADE PROOF Express Home Guard Reporter

Express Home Guard Reporter

IN the Vaagso street fighting, although the enemy
had time to prepare his
strong points and booby
traps and establish his
methods of communication
and co-operation, the Commandos did in fact win the
fight.

Commando lessons

for the Home Guard

They won it because they knew what they were going to do. The enemy did not.

by blowing down the walls— their grenades soon silenced those inside. Plan your tricks

The lesson here is PRE-PARE NOW FOR AN INVASION. Every village and every town must have empty houses prepared against every trick the Commandos used.

The Germans had men with tommy-guns lurking in the shadows of every hall. They failed to prevent grenades from being slung in. Home Guard units every-where should prepare empty houses so that grenades can be kept out. They should earmark houses now as their strong points—and link them up so that each is a part of the whole defence scheme, not a separate unit.

The defenders must cover attacks on each other, draw the enemy's fire, make him attack where they want him to attack spring surprises on HIM

During the remainder of this week I will develop this theme in greater detail.

PLAN TO GET MORE COAL

Express Industrial Reporter TREVOR EVANS

INERS' leaders have proposed a bold plan to Mr

What a rush of work for Walter since clothes rationing started! People need him more now that shoes have to give more wear. There's so much extra walking, too, in war time. 2. So after work he does a little personal "repairing" with Lifebuoy Toilet Soapthat soon sets him up again! 3. He's fresh and fit for his extra job—running a local savings group. They all pay up cheerfully when they see his friendly smile!

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bis "last job's" done!

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QUID PRO QUO

"I say, Donald, I wonder if you'd mind swapping your weekend leave with me. I want to run up to Town."

"Utterly, finally and categorically - no.

"Now don't be so difficult, Donald, old man. It's most important. My girl's got a spot of leave, too, and I haven't seen her for centuries." "Well, supposing I do a deal with you, what do I get out of it?"

"How about a copy of Mein Kampf-or a nice pair of trousers?" "Nothing doing. But there is

just one thing ..." " Well?"

"My Gestapo tells me that you have hourded array in your hold-all, a bottle of the true, genuine Rose's Lime Juice. "But this is blackmail."

"So what? Rose's nowadays is scarcer than hot water bottles in the Western Desert. And a des-perate man will stick at nothing."

"You're a hard man, Donald, but it can't be helped. Take my bottle of Rose's Lime Juice. But remember, I expect you to repay me with at least a crate of Rose's after the war,"

ROSE'S - The Wise Man's Nightcap

to the pits. They urge the creation of a single national control over every miner in the land. It will be a sort of National Miners' Corporation, which will direct men to any pit in the country

Mines, to secure our target

while guaranteeing them full wages and allowances. We are now 300,000 tons short of our target each week Our man-power in the pits has fallen by 10

power in the pits has fallen by 10 per cent compared with March 1939

The men's leaders say we can make up this deficiency without transferring a single man either from industry or the armed forces if the industry's man-power is planned nationally by a board on which owners and miners will be represented.

Production would be concentrated on the most efficient mines and districts. No good pit would be left without full man-power.

FIVE ADVANTAGES

This arrangement the men's leaders have told the Ministers, would have five advantages.

Mineworkers would be freed from unnecessary anxiety, good coalgetters could be transferred from uneconomic mines, national wage machinery could be established to provide the necessary guarantees to transferred men and economies could be offered in production and distribution by cutting out the insistence of some coalowners for sticking to their traditional markets.

markets
Obviously any scheme will have to make provision for dealing drastically with absenteeism. South Yorkshire coalowners were considering last night whether to prosecute miners for absenteeism on New Year's Day. This cost the nation 57,000 tons of coal.



Russians hit Finns WAR POCKETS on new front

MASS TANK DRIVE

Express Staff Reporter STOCKHOLM, Wednesday.

B USSIA has mounted another big offensive supported by many armoured units against the Finns north of Lake Onega.

Its object is to free the Murmansk railway so that another route for supplies from Britain and U.S. can be opened up from the Arctic.

Fighting in Eastern Karelia is reported to be the fiercest since last autumn, when the are landing along miles of beaches.

REINFORCEMENTS

fresh German troops which Hitler is desperately throwing into the battle.

Several new German divisions rushed from Poland and Silesia are today battling ferociously around Rzhev and Mojaisk, two towns which are vital to the German defence on the Moscow front

front.
They are struggling to save the remnants of several German crack divisions which are in danger of being trapped by General Zhukov's encircling movement at Mojaisk.

STEADY HEADWAY

Marshal Timoshenko's offensive further south in the Ukraine is making steady headway, accord-ing to Soviet reports, which admit that the German forces

towards the Perekop bottleneck which, if reached, will trap all German forces in the peninsula

Finns pushed between Lakes The big guns of the Black Sea Ladoga and Onega and reached the railway at Petrozavodsk. The big guns of the Black Sea Ladoga and Onega and reached German positions.

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Wave after wave of Russian units is being thrown against the Finns, and it is thought the armoured forces have been released for this offensive because of successes elsewhere.

Fine Russians positions.

The Kerch Peninsula of the Crimea is now cleared of the enemy. Sailors of the Red Navy helped in the mopping-up, and in this sector released for this offensive because of successes elsewhere.

"The Russians have not yet reached our 'Winter Line,' where we propose to stabilise our positions," said Hitler's military

Large Russian reinforcements are reported to have reached Leningrad, and Berlin tonight admits heavy attacks with penetration of German positions round the city.

Over hundreds of miles of snow-bound earth and ice-locked rivers, with snow drifts 10ft deep, the Russians are still advancing against tens of thousands of fresh German troops which Hunan Province has completely Lumpur.

Malaya queries

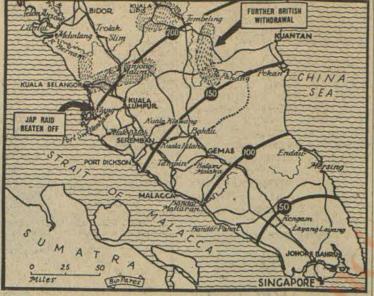
into the battle.

The enemy, having regrouped his forces and stopped what looked like becoming a general rout, is now stubbornly fighting every inch

Relatives of people in British The Japanese Official News attacked Klang. They were beaten Agency explained: "A strategic off. There was no damage, withdrawal has been made from neither were there casualties.

Not only have the Japanese been ing in wild disorder." army operation, Japanese planes
The Japanese Official News attacked Klang. They were beaten





SHADED POCKETS are areas where fighting is now going on. Distances from Singapore are recorded in circles on the arc-bars crossing the map.

£16,000,000 A DAY £3,000,000 more than Britain

WAR TO COST U.S.

Express Staff Reporter C. V. R. THOMPSON

NEW YORK, Wednesday. N the time it takes to read this dispatch, America has spent about £112,000 on the war to end Hitlerism,

NO GERMAN FILMS

By request

Lisbon does not like German films. The Sinasio Theatre was rented for showing propaganda anywhere—about £15.500,000.000. films until next summer.

But Portuguese film fans paign and stayed away. They prefer British and American has to close down.

after a check in Malaya

the nation today with the bill for those 60,000 planes, 45,000 tanks, 20,000 anti-aircraft guns. and 8,000,000 tons of ships has ordered for the expeditionary forces he is going to send to the British Isles and anywhere else where it will hurt the Axis.

President Roosevelt presented

Direct taxes to raise about £1,750,000,000, more than double the revenue of last year, are required, and indirect taxes on almost everything are expected British and American
So the Sinasio Theatre
close down.

Even so, America's first year of
war will leave behind it a deficit
bigger than ever before incurred by
a Government, and a public debt
too astronomical to think about. At the close of the year this will reach about £27,605,250,000. Japan loses 6,000 Japs open new drive President Roosevelt said these enormous debt loads could be discharged without undue hardship after victory has been won. America took it on the chin.

"We can do it"

driven from strong points around Kuala Selangor. Just as industry replied, "We can do it, and we will," after it was confronted with Roosevelt's production demands yesterday, so did the taxpayer say today, "We can pay, and we will." Those enemy units which crossed the River Bernam (30 miles north of the River Selangor) and linked up with the landing party at Kuala Selangor, are being attacked all along the coastal track—which winds across the mangrove swamps between the two rivers.

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AIR-CARRIERS

Germans will use Graf Zeppelins to carry bombing planes near the American coast, say drastic Excess Profit Taxes are forecast to prevent inflation and to keep down the cost of the war.

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Lam able now to give some details of the Japanese landings and the methods the enemy employs.

All were made along the west coast with the object of threatening Kuala Lumpur. The Japanese are desperately anxious to take it. But they are finding increasingly tough resistance.

Keep down the cost of the war.

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At one point the Japanese brought bicycles ashore. This was a small force, and it quickly came to grief when the British attacked.

The British defended.

goes to jail

rapidly disposed to meet antici-pated landings. These landings are preceded by machine-gunning and bombing Girl conchie

At one port, with machine-guns blazing, the Japanese sought out objectives. The next day they returned and dropped bombs.

EVACUEES RETURN

There was a sudden evacuation. domestic servant, of Station-

today after a conference with Mr Curtin, Australian

"The Allies must attack. attack, attack. It is no good

sitting on the defensive in the "Attack is the best means of defence against the Japanese.

"My talks with Mr Curtin shower that the Australian Government is willing to do anything possible to help in the defence of the Indies."

GERMANS, SAYS Dr TEMPLE

IN a Transatlantic broad-bishop of York, urged that "we must at all times avoid the spirit of hatred," and

"We are fighting to free Germany as well as other nations from the evil now dominant there. We are dominant there. We are fighting Germany for love of the Germans still to be. And this love, for their sake as well as for the sake of others, must find expression through instice."

Talk of retribution must be carefully distinguished from vengeance, he said.

Not much of the spirit of vengeance was to be found in Britain. It was least in the places which had suffered most. It was those who still feared attack rather than those who had already endured it who spoke of vengeance vengeance

WORLD-AT-WAR NEWS FLASHES

GERMANY MAY AIR-CARRIERS

Keels for two new Tribal Class destroyers are to be laid by Canada * * *

The Budget is believed to total nearly double the amount Ger-Africa next month.

Slackers in Italian munition plants will get no pay, says Rome

came to grief when the British attacked.

The British defenders now seem to have summed up the Japanese methods, and forces are being rapidly disposed to meet antici.

Ration cards will not be issued at present because, the President said observation post on St Pierre and "There are no scarcities"; but he Miquelon (islands occupied by asked for "restraint in consumption, especially of scarce products." gets them back.

Gestapo member Alois Schillhepp sent to jai by Mexican Govern-ment, Charge: Disrupting Mexico-U.S. relations

First Army-Air Force co-operation school opens in Australia Purpose: Train men to defend airfields.

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Hitler: Here are the facts

FROM PAGE ONE

weeks that the longstanding feud between the Nazi Party and the German generals is seething under

the surface. It is possible that Hitler, here are very strong, still in pos-session of their main armaments, and putting up a very tough officers, has nipped a possible

resistance
Yet reports received in Stockholm indicate that General
Reichenau, the German commander at Kharkov, has already
laid plaps for the city's eventual
evacuation.

Checked from
the facts emerge a
present position:
that when the full extent of the
German disaster in Russia
becomes evident to the ordinary
missing, or perma
neonle coupled with winter

evacuation.

While this is cheerful for While this is cheerful for privations, the Potsdam military clique may think the time does not expect either an easy or speedy victory. His army is 30 miles from the city.

The approaches to it are thickly the approaches to it are thickly the approaches to it are thickly the segment and obstacle.

Distillusioned by "wishful thinking" about German conditions at the beginning of the war people in this country are apt to discredit all stories of unrest and trouble now coming from Germany

in the Crimea Russian troops
The advancing swiftly from east British Prime Minister had made the promises that Hitler did: "Victoria of the promises that

True the German people are not so wel informed about the true war position as our own, but at least they now know that the Fuehrer's

Twelve armoured divisions not yet come. (approximately 5,400 tanks) have been destroyed. They started the Russian war with 21 decided to and re-est

Railway chaos

German railways are in a chaotic state. Private travel has almost ceased to exist. In 1939 German railways were deficient in rolling stock and needed repairs to the value of £150,000,000—Goering's legure

It is established that Germany is short of iron ore and paper pulp and up to a third short of timber from which to make ersatz textiles

S.S. divisions

Nickel and copper stocks may be used up at the present rate of expenditure by the end of this year But hold on a minute. It is calculated in London that she is turning out more alreaft than ever, and is certainly producing fewer tanks. To some extent she has also succeeded in increasing her submaring producing her submarine production.

Regular radio appeals are being made for recruits for S.S. divisions. Men, irrespective of education or social standards, would be accepted.

Greyhounds

MANCHESTER (White City), Kind Amy (Hearts), Walker (Hearts) 1 5-1 tote (27- tinit) win 33-9 piace lick (Rangers), Black (Hearts) 10/- 1; Gun Turret (trap 9) 1-1 4.3 2; Johnston (Rangers), lacktar's Rigging (1)

"The Russian armies are now in the process of being annihilated" (October 2), and "The Soviet Empire is smashed, no army can recover rom such losses" (November 3) he would now be out of

collapsed, and troops are retreat- Going in advance of the planned

Civil Service posts, it is said execute leading members of the Nazi Party, withdraw to a shorter Russian front on the Polish border and then offer peace.

Not only have the Japanese been

Ine putsch never took place
Its instgators decided the time had not yet come.

But Hitler, sensing his danger decided to make a clean sweep and re-establish himself in German eyes by assuming supreme command so that he could blame the generals for the disaster when it became known at home.

There are grounds or belleving that Marshal List General Guderian the tank expert, have been dismissed since Brauehitsch.

But later the evacuees returned.

Then the Japanese essayed a landing, hundreds appearing in large and small launches.

Aboard one was a small mortar.

One large and three small launches were grounded on a mudbank from which the mortar went into action.

But this was only a blind to cover a landing at a river-mouth to the south.

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The enemy crept four miles upter four miles upter he river before disembarking.

Premier:-Everton winger will lead

Scots' Wembley attack E NGLAND and Scotland yesterday chose their teams to play in Mrs Churchill's "Aid to Russia" international match at Wembley Stadium on January 17. The teams

(Arsenal) (captain); Willing-It is a fact that the German High ham (Huddersfield Town) field right half, replacing Goslin, of Bolton. derers), Mercer (Everton);
Matthews (Stoke City), Mannion
(Middlesbrough), Welsh (Charlton);
Scotland.—Dawson (Rangers);
Carabine (Third Lanark);
Beattie (Preston North End)
Shankly (Preston North End)
Dykes (Hearts), Busby (Liverpool) (captain); Hamilton (Hearts), Walker (Hearts), Gillick (Rangers), Black (Hearts) Command sent at least four SS divisions into the worst of the Russian fighting with the result that they were almost annihilated They may have been butchered deliberately as a Potsdam political move Certain it is that Himmler's desperate efforts to recruit a new United), Compton, D. (Arsenal) expediency. It is not established Carabine (Third Lanark). expediency. It is not established Carabine (Third Lanark) as a fact, but there are strong Beattie (Preston North End).

Shankly (Preston North End).

England. - Marks (Arsenal); SPORT SECTION Bacuzzi (Fulham), Hapgood

stock and needed repairs to the stock with needed repairs to the s

Later Dr Mook will confer with the Service chiefs on technical details of the Indies' defence.

We must say Good-bye CADBURYS ASSORTMENTS

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the most distressing attacks of

the most distressing attacks of migraine and have suffered agonies, unable to find any relief.

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I have for years suffered from ENERGY & VICTORY" Cheimsford, Dec. 17th, 1941.

bead and feeling quite exhausted Accept This Offer !

position as our own but at least they now know that the Fuehrer's promises have not been kept. Checked from several sources these facts emerge about Germany's present position: The Wehrmacht's losses in Russia totalled a month ago Russia totalled a month ago more than two million in dead missing, or permanently disabled At least 30,000 officers have been killed. The Wehrmacht's losses in on October 15 that German losses had become so heavy that they make the puts withdraw in good time to winter quarters. The putsch never took place list instigators decided the time had list instigators decided th