

# 南太平洋週報

第三号

ベルト氏が言外目下行はれおる晝明した空軍大夜連続空襲を阻止し攻勢の開始と得るものはなく其た

ベルン特電 英國空

見ており、<sup>も</sup>ともナチドイツが本格的空襲線火急の要求あるに

軍によるナチドイツ

攻撃を受けると見られ空軍部隊の増援をな

に對する晝夜連続空

あけ頃よりと見られ空軍部隊の増援をな

襲はこのところ数日

ておる、又空襲戦法に

にわたり更に其強烈

かんとし、二様のも

の度を減ぜず目標は

のがあり目下英米空

軍需工業中心地およ

東京特電 ナチドイ

び輸送道路網地矣で

ツ日本大使館附武官

英國新聞界の如き此

阪西一郎中將は歸朝

空襲をよぶに、押し

早々獨伊間のたかた

づし戦法ととなへ、又

がひ又はドイツ國民

ワシントンあたり軍事

の間に戦争繼續にか

通の見解は此晝夜兼

んとし意見の不一致な

行連續爆撃こそ、チ

ど全くなしと噂を否

チル氏大統領ルーズ

絶對的優勢は天候以

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地で獨伊が英米と和  
するに非ずやとの掛  
念すこぶるつよくも  
しそんなことにでも  
なれば大東亞戰は到  
底かちぬけぬと云ふ  
考へが日本人の間に  
たかま、てきておるか  
らである。

上海通信 例の龍頭  
蛇尾線香花火てきた  
日本軍部の軍のいは  
ゆる春期攻勢なるも  
のが行はれたが又い  
つもの通り原陣地に  
復歸で廣東北部粵漢  
鐵路南段地區におい  
ても退却揚子江岸湖

北南部江西省南昌の  
南方においても作戰  
進捗せず殊に雲南省  
ビルマ寄りのサルウ  
ン河方面作戰の如き  
全く膠着六年の日支  
戰から何等またび得  
ない軍部に對し國民  
は心中大に不満で大

東亞省の青木大臣が  
又新に蔣介石打倒を  
議會において叫んで  
おるがこゝ五年間の  
おきまり文句だけに  
國民には何等の印象  
をあたへたかつた。  
ベルリン通信 ロシ  
ア戰線からは今にも

重大な報告が入るの  
ではないかとドイツ  
國民は氣が氣でなく  
モスコはあいかは  
らずぶきみな沈黙を  
守てゐるが中立國か  
らの報道はいづれも  
北部においてロシア  
軍の大攻勢が始る事  
を示しており、カルコ

ヴ西方ロシア軍戰果  
は其後もますます拡大  
しており、十千軍のド  
ネツ盆地脱出作戰は  
どほやら失敗らしく  
なつておる。雪どけは或  
方面一部のロシア軍  
の攻撃進度を幾分に

ぶらしおるもオレル  
其他の重要正面では  
口シア軍はぬかるみ  
對抗のはき物を足に  
つけおり此意外の装  
備も亦十千軍なやみ  
のたわで且又今度の  
口シア軍の南方にお  
ける大戦果は之に呼  
應する攻勢が北部で  
必ず行はれるべきも  
のと見て十千首脳部  
の憂慮はますます深  
まてゆくばかりであ  
ることこのところ十  
日か十五日内に何事  
か重大な事が起ると  
いふ豫感が全ドイツ

國民の間に見なきて  
きておる。  
カイロ―特電 中央  
部チニシアにおける  
口メル軍の進撃も英  
佛連合軍の反撃によ  
り形勢逆轉、樞軸側  
公報も聯合國軍の此  
方面追撃の引ついき  
猛烈なるを云ひおり  
南方チニシアにおい  
てはこゝ三ヶ月に一  
千六百哩の追撃戦を  
やてのけた英第八軍  
が其先遣部隊の鋭鋒  
を以てつくありで獨  
伊軍もなやんでおる  
又アル

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録の俳人宝井其角の

鐘一つ

うれぬ日はなし

江戸の春

の大江戸のゆとりあるあの日本を心ひそかに思ふものが次第にふえてきておる。

ベルン通信 外交界

一面より漏れたところにはイタリアが其誇であるアフリカ帝国即ちエチオピアリビアトリポリを失ひ内ムッソリニ對し甚だあきたらぬ折柄元參謀總長バドグリオ元帥が國をうれえる餘り

ムッソリニ一派を押しめて國策の轉換を計ろうとしたそれがたゞめ今回のリベントロップのあわてたローマ訪問があつたのである。

海運界 米國のラン

ド海軍大將は本年内に更に二千百六十一隻を追加して建造すると發表、これで米國造船所の本年内の建造隻数は四千四百三隻となり一日十二隻の割合で此一月一日からどしく進水してある。

筆のしづく 常夏の

單調にあきた目あいた心は山のけしき松のたゝずまひえもいはれぬ日本をなつかしむもので春まだあさいけふ此頃大窪詩佛の

寒食從今無幾日

梅花零落杏花開

春寒釀雪力不足

却向黄昏成雨來

の如きよく其おもむきをあらはしてある然し生別してひとり見る日本の春はたまらなくさびしひものであらう。

BERNE: The R.A.F. non-stop attack on Western Germany has been in progress for many days, and shows no sign of abating. The attacks are aimed at vital transport and production centres. Newspapers in England refer to the process as "softening up the Continent." Messages from Washington say that military experts believe that the round-the-clock bombings mark the beginning of the huge air assault promised by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt. However, Germany will probably not feel the full weight of the offensive until the spring. Two kinds of aerial strategy are being tested - by the British night bombing with heavy loads distributed amongst many targets and by the American's high altitude precision daylight bombing. Allied air superiority is now so great that only the weather will upset the round-the-clock bombing. This air offensive is taking away many German fighters needed on the Russian fronts.

TOKYO O: Licut. General Nchiro Banzai, military attache to the Japanese Embassy in Berlin, who has returned to Tokyo has denied that there are serious divisions between Germany and Italy or amongst the German people. This calls attention to the fear felt in Japan that Germany and Italy may conclude a separate peace. It is indeed obvious that should Britain, the U.S.A. and Russia agree to an armistice with Germany, Japan would be in quite a hopeless position to fight the Greater East Asia War to a successful conclusion.

It has been announced that most old temple bells, lanterns, teapots and other valuable antiques made of bronze are now being collected in a renewed drive for scrap metal.

To relieve the shortage of timber, many famous old trees which lined roads and stood proudly in parks are being cut down.

The whole civilized world, who loved and respected Japan for such manifestations of art and appreciation of natural beauty, feels regret at this transformation of a once beautiful countryside. On hearing this news, lovers of "haiku" may have found their thoughts wandering with regret to better times in the past when the famous haikai poet Takarai Kikaku lauded the prosperity of Yedo (old name of Tokyo), flourishing Capital of the Tokugawa's, in which he was born, in the following song:-

During the spring in Y edo  
Not a day passes but (a new  
temple is founded and) a temple  
bell is sold.

SHANGHAI: The usual Japanese war strategy of the Japanese military government's army in China of making spasmodic attacks and retreats has again been followed in the first months of this year.

A withdrawal in the Northern part of Canton Province along the Southern section of the Canton-Hankow Railway to the original position has been reported. Japanese offensives are being pressed in the Southern part of Wupch along the Yangtse and in the Southern sections of Nanchang in Kiansi. So far these have been stemmed or turned back. The Japanese forces also suffered defeat south of Nanchang.

There is a complete stagnation on the front sector along the Salween River in Yunnau Province near the border of Burma. The Japanese people are very dissatisfied because the Military leaders do not seem to have learned their lessons in the course of six years fighting in China. For this reason, the public in Japan is not at all impressed by the pledge made before the Diet by Greater East Asia Minister Aoki, reiterating Japan's irrevocable determination to defeat Chiang Kai-Shek, as the same thing has been said too often in the course of the last five years.

RUSSIA.

Great developments are expected at any moment on the Russian front. Moscow says little, but neutral information points to impending Russian offensives on a great scale in the Northern sectors. Meanwhile the Red Army continues to make gains to the west of Kharkov, while the Germans are making desperate efforts to extricate their armies in the Donetz basin. The thaw is slowing up the Russian advance in some sectors though not at Orel, where they are continuing to make progress, and they are said to have special thaw troops and anti-thaw devices to surmount the obstacles of the season. The nature of the new Russian "mud weapons" is causing much anxious speculation in the German army. It is realised, too, that the Russian advance has been so great in the south that it is certain that they will exploit it by offensives in the north and centre. Events of enormous import are expected in the next week or two. No wonder the Nazi Germans are in a despondent mood.

CAIRO.

Rommel's German armies in Central Tunisia after a brief advance were thrown back by the British and French for many miles and the pursuit continues. The Axis radio admits that the Allies in the Kasserine area "press their pursuing attack". In southern Tunisia forward patrols of the 8th Army which advanced 1,600 miles in three months are pressing on the Germans in South Tunisia. It has been announced officially in Algiers that the British and American air forces during the Tunisian campaign have destroyed 669 enemy aircraft for the loss of 286.

BERNE.

The desperate plight of this unhappy country is revealed in a recent report from diplomatic sources. After the British capture of Tripoli, formerly the pride and capital of the lost Italian African Empire, as well as a strategic key point and port, Marshal Badoglio, former Italian Chief of Staff, no longer able to remain in the unhappy situation of his country, intimated to Allied authorities his willingness to stage a coup d'etat in favour of the Allies. Ribbentrop's hurried visit to Rome has been due to this happening.

THE SHIPPING WORLD.

The American Admiral Land announced an additional ship-building programme for 1943 of 2,161 ships. American shipyards this year will build 4,403 ships. This is an average of about 12 vessels a day, newly built ships are being launched day after day from the beginning of this year.

A DROP FROM THE BRUSH.

Surely in moments of leisure your thoughts will wander towards your beloved home country and you will see in your imagination its familiar scenery of late winter and early spring so entirely different from the strange surroundings in which you are now living. How charming has this change of the season in the beautiful islands of the pine trees been described in the lines of the poet Okubo Shibutou. He tells us that it is only a few days from now till fast of the passing of winter. The plum blossoms are fluttering down as if it were snowing, and the peach has started its early bloom. In the chilly spring it looks as if snow might fall, but it does not come to that. On the contrary the twilight brings us rain. That is what is happening in the old country where those who love you are longing for your safe return from strange and dangerous parts.