



DON'T FRATERNIZE! DON'T TRUST A GERMAN

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#### EUROPE:

BRITAIN HAS ORDERED THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE MIDDLE EAST TO INTERVENE IN THE FIGHTING IN SYRIA IN ORDER TO PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED. MR. CHURCHILL TODAY SENT A MESSAGE TO GENERAL DEGAULLE OF FRANCE SAYING THAT BRITAIN HAS ORDERED THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO INTERVENE IN THE FIGHTING IN SYRIA IN THE INTERESTS OF THE SECURITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT FRENCH TROOPS CEASE FIRE IN SYRIA AND WITHDRAW TO THEIR BARRACKS. ONCE ORDER HAS BEEN REGAINED BRITAIN WILL BE READY FOR TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON. THE SYRIAN AND LEBANESE GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE IN ON THE DISCUSSIONS.

BRITAIN DECIDED TO INTERVENE IN THE SERIOUS SITUATION IN THE LEVANT AFTER FIGHTING HAD GONE ON ALL NIGHT LONG IN DAMASCUS. LAST NIGHT SHELLFIRE BY FRENCH TROOPS CAUSED SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE AND GREAT PROPERTY DAMAGE IN DAMASCUS. TODAY IT IS REPORTED THAT THE CITY WAS BOMBED FROM THE AIR AND THERE ARE REPORTS OF GREAT FIRES BURNING IN DAMASCUS. THERE WERE ALSO SERIOUS DISORDERS IN ALEPPO, HOMS AND HAMA DURING THE NIGHT. IN BEYROUTH EVERYTHING WAS QUIET TODAY ALTHOUGH SHOPS HAD BEEN CLOSED AND TRANSPORTATION WAS AT A STANDSTILL. THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA HAVE SENT URGENT APPEALS TO BRITAIN TO INTERVENE IN THE LEVANT. A CORRESPONDENT SAID TODAY THAT FIGHTING WAS SPREADING TO MANY PARTS OF SYRIA. IN PARIS THIS MORNING THERE WAS A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FRENCH CABINET. THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS ARE IN CONSULTATION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LEVANT STATES. IN WASHINGTON, THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. GREW, SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LEVANT. THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SEND A PROTEST AGAINST THE FRENCH ACTION TO THE BRITISH, UNITED STATES, SOVIET AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS.

SINCE THE START OF THE WAR THE ROYAL NAVY HAS LOST 730 SHIPS. IN LONDON THE UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION HAS OPENED A THREE DAY CONFERENCE.

#### PACIFIC:

THERE IS BLOODY FIGHTING GOING ON AROUND THE FORTRESS OF SHURI ON OKINAWA IN THE RYUKYUS. STRONG PATROLS OF AMERICAN MARINES HAVE PENETRATED INTO THE TOWN OF SHURI FROM THE WEST AND HAVE REINFORCED OTHER MARINES WHO REACHED SHURI CASTLE TWO DAYS AGO. AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES HAVE KEPT UP THEIR ATTACKS ON JAP ISLANDS NEAR OKINAWA. JAPANESE SUICIDE PLANES HAVE ONCE MORE ATTACKED AMERICAN SHIPPING OFF OKINAWA. THEY MANAGED TO DAMAGE 4 LIGHT VESSELS. YANK BOMBERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES HAVE CONTINUED THEIR ATTACKS ON FORMOSA AND INDO CHINA WHILE ALLIED BOMBERS FROM INDIA YESTERDAY STRUCK AT A JAP NAVAL ANCHORAGE ON THE GULF OF SIAM. CHINESE TROOPS HAVE EXTENDED THEIR GRIP ON THE MAIN RAILWAY LEADING INTO INDO CHINA FROM SOUTH CHINA. ON THE CHINA COAST ACROSS FROM FORMOSA, CHINESE TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN MORE THAN 30 MILES PAST THE PORT OF FOOCOW.

VICE ADMIRAL RAWLINGS, TASK FORCE COMMANDER WITH THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET, HAS BEEN CONFERRING AT GUAM WITH ADMIRAL NIMITZ, COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN THE PACIFIC. ADMIRAL RAWLINGS SAID THAT EVERYTHING THAT THE ROYAL NAVY HAD WOULD BE THROWN AT THE JAPANESE. ADMIRAL NIMITZ HAS PROMISED THAT BRITISH SHIPS AND SAILORS WOULD BE IN AT THE KILL IN THE FINAL BLOWS AGAINST THE JAP FLEET.

#### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SCORES:

<u>AMERICAN</u>		<u>NATIONAL</u>	
WASHINGTON: 3,5	... ST LOUIS: 2,0	PITTSBURGH: 13,10	... BROOKLYN: 5,14
CHICAGO: 5,2	... PHILADELPHIA: 2,4	NEW YORK: 8,2	... CHICAGO: 6,11
CLEVELAND: 4,6	... BOSTON: 3,7	CINCINNATI: 3,9	... PHILLIES: 0,8

GILBERT

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WHO IS THAT LITTLE FELLOW WITH THE UNUSUAL EARS?