

MR WENDELL WILKIE IN THE MIDLANDS.

Mr Wendell Wilkie, friend of Britain, spent a busy time seeing something of this country in war time. He paid a ~~lightning~~ visit to the bomb-damaged Temple, accompanied by the Lord Chancellor. He told Lord Simon that he was interested to learn that the administration of justice went on according to the established rules, even in these difficult days of war.

Later Mr Willkie paid a ~~lightning~~ visit to the Midlands, where his first stop was at the ruins of Coventry's beautiful Cathedral. He was conducted round by the Bishop of Coventry, Dr Mervyn Haigh. Afterwards Mr Willkie ~~came to Birmingham, and here as at Coventry, he received a tumultuous reception.~~ ^(found floor of a bombed area of Coventry Birmingham)

~~After his tour, Mr Willkie~~ ^{He} said he was much impressed by the wonderful organisation and production of the factories. ~~He felt that the work of reconstruction he had seen everywhere was an example of how great cities could recover.~~

Mr Wilkie stated that it was his fervent wish that the United States would give ~~all the assistance in their power to the gallant people of these bombed areas who had carried on with such steadfastness and courage~~ to the gallant people of these bombed areas such assistance, that with such steadfastness and courage as he had seen on his visit, they would assuredly obtain a speedy victory ~~to~~ their cause.