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Minesweepers in the Pacific. This dangerous job has begun in new waters with the spreading of the world war to the Far East. Change course --- to hunt down a floating mine that was notified by wireless.

The ~~crapesa~~ drops overboard to sweep for the mine and the ships are signalled revolutions per minute so that every minesweeper keeps the same speed.

The mine is sighted --- and a Boat's crew is lowered to render the mine harmless before it is brought aboard.

It looks a bit mouldy --- but the charge inside would still be capable of wrecking a good-sized ship. The Navy's had a rough time in the start of the Pacific war --- but the man who wins the first round doesn't always win the fight.

In Malaya, there's a big recruiting drive in progress. There's no conscription here for Asiatics --- but Chinese and Malays have been ~~figh~~ flocking to the recruiting offices to join in the war against the Nazis of the Orient. It has been said that Hitlerism is fighting four-fifths of the world; there's a mighty army waiting to be drawn from those uncountable millions.

New York is the other extreme of this same war --- this was Manhattan's first real test of A.R.P. Times Square has heard the air raid siren --- though this was only rehearsal. How strongly reminiscent this is of early war days in Britain. ~~The Bronx and Brooklyn have the benefit of the experience of Bow and~~

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The Bronx and Brooklyn have the benefit of the experience of Bow and Bermondsey --- but each great city has its own great problems; and no doubt if New York has air raids, Tokyo too will get some.

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Honolulu: first pictures of the attack on the Hawaiian Island delivered while Japanese envoys talked of peace in Washington --- Japanese bombers overhead. ~~Refugees from~~ *The civilian population*

~~They~~ ran in pathetic bewilderment from this unexpected assault.

*This is* Waikiki, --- the peaceful residential section --- the Paradise of songs and lovers has been swept into the vortex of modernistic hell: Into the simple, melodious lives of the sons and daughters of sunshine, there has burst a Rising Sun blood-red.

The family car of <sup>some</sup> civilized men and women is a memory of horror, pitted and torn with screaming metal: Japanese warplanes machine-gunned the streets in the approved Nazi fashion.

Yes --- the little warmongers of Nippon have learnt very thoroughly the lessons of German barbarism. They are teaching them to these children in Hawaiian schools.

This is a two-man submarine captured in the attack on the American Fleet in Pearl Harbour.

There's no denying that Japan has scored big successes in the war in the Pacific; no denying that ~~the nation which~~ *Americans who* lived as we did once in the hopes of peace, could have been more prepared for war; but listen to Navy secretary Colonel Knox.

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The United States Navy Department has <sup>thus</sup> honestly admitted ~~suffering heavy~~ <sup>the</sup> damage in Pearl Harbour ... ~~but America's fleet~~ ~~is still very much in the running.~~ <sup>But</sup> A punch on the nose does more than anything else to rouse a peaceful man to action. And so, though we may have still more bad news yet to come from the Far East front, <sup>Britain + America will see to it that one day</sup> Japan's ~~news~~ <sup>news</sup> will be too bad to print --- even in Japanese