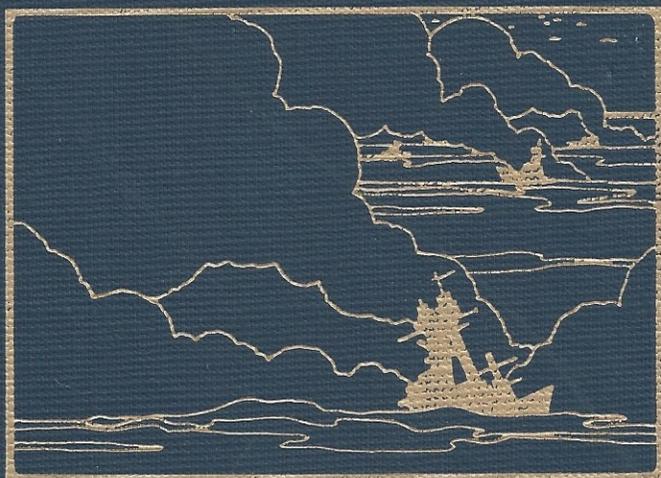


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On the 9th, when I called on DEI to discuss some other matter, "DEI---" said that he had been at the General Headquarters until the previous day and that when the question of the United States came up in the course of a conversation, HITLER had said that if a clash occurs by any chance between Japan and the United States, Germany will at once open war against the United States.

In view of the fact that my meeting with "DEI" was not a prearranged one, I don't believe this conversation was premeditated.

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