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### IGNOMINIOUS END

The sinking of the pocket battleship Graf Spee was an ignominious end for a vessel that was the pride of a country boasting of its superior ancestry and aiming to rule the world. The Germans will never rule the waves in that way. As an American commentator said yesterday, the British would have made a dash for liberty and, before being sunk, would have done at least a little damage to the enemy. Had he attacked one of the smaller enemy ships he might have sunk her or at least done considerable damage.

There are contradictory reports as to the condition of the German guns. Much depended upon it as to the course of action to be taken. It is said that Hitler ordered the scuttling of the ship in order to prevent further loss of life but when did Hitler ever show any solicitude for the loss of life, either German or any other nationality? Possibly time may justify the action of the commander of the ship. It may be it was the opinion of the commander that the ship was not in condition to fight any engagement and that to do so would have been sacrificing the lives of his ship's company which he valued highly.

### COMPLIMENT TO GERMAN COMMANDER

In his treatment of the war prisoners he had taken, the commander of the Graf Spee showed himself to be a pretty good sort. Later on reaching Montevideo he gave credit to the British for their excellent marksmanship and strategy. These are two traits which are in his favor. He knew conditions on the Graf Spee better than we do, so we must give him credit for using his best judgment, even if it does seem different from what a British commander would have done. It has been the British method to turn what looked like sure defeat into victory or die in the attempt. That has been the secret of the Empire's greatness.

### DOUBLE-CROSSERS

Europe seems to be a hotbed for double-crossers. Leaders among these are Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin. Neither of these men can trust the other and that is reasonable. We wonder that they can even trust themselves considering their career of lying and deceit. While Germany is fighting against Great Britain and France she has to keep one eye on Russia for fear she may take more than her share of the spoils. Russia, too, is constantly watching Germany in no very friendly manner. It is not a pleasant combination.

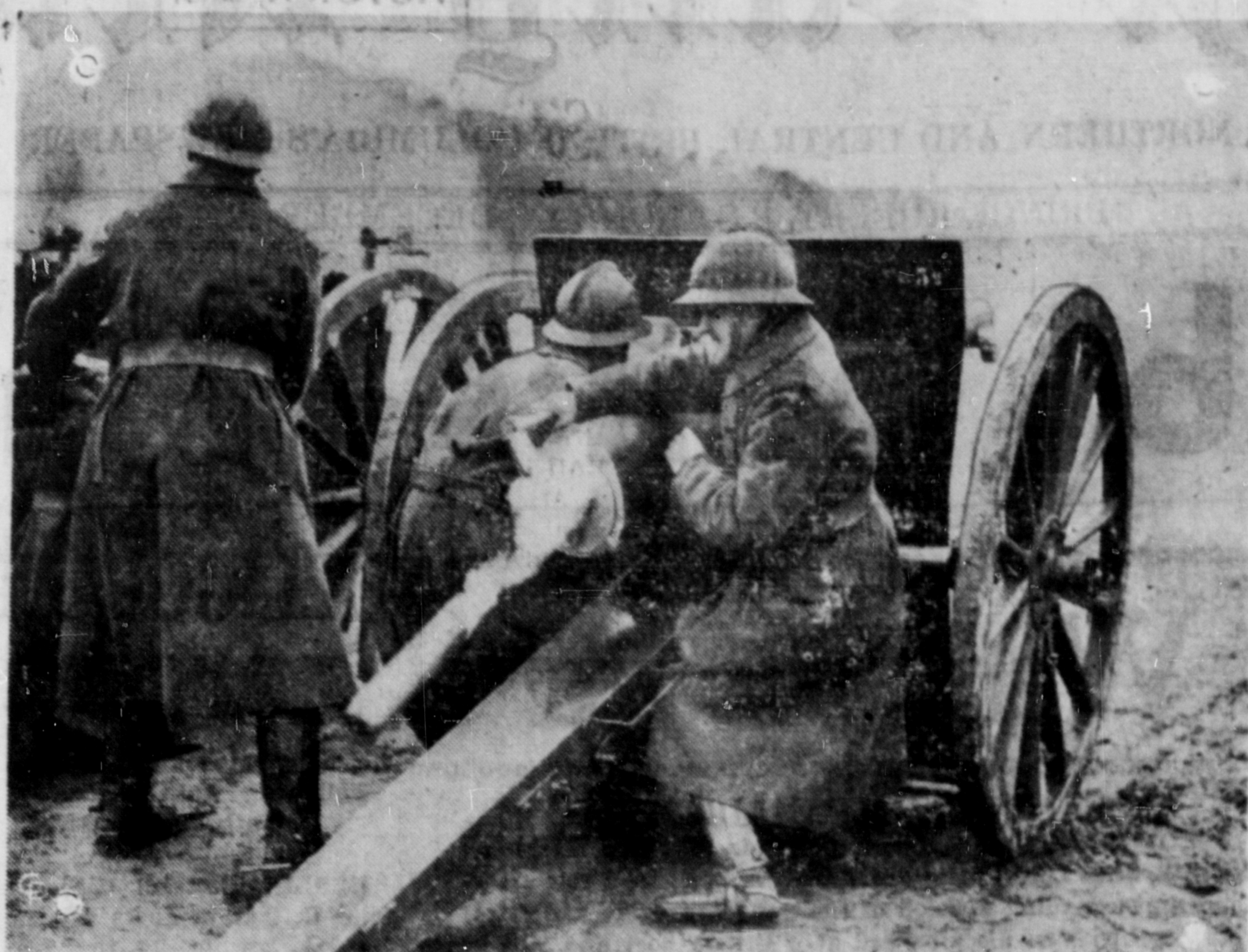
### PINK GENTRY

One of the most interesting paragraphs appearing in the press of late is from the pen of that interesting writer Bruce Hutchison. He says: "The conscientious pink gentry still in our midst are having a pretty bad time. They could explain everything in the conduct of Comrade Joe but his rape of Finland. Even your loyal Communist has to admit that this is pretty raw and I think it safe to assume that the World Revolution in Victoria is now at an end. You can safely buy a new car.

"But you must not feel contemptuous of the pink brethren. They have been no more wrong in their calculations than anybody else. It is merely that their dream has blown up in a more spectacular fashion than ours. We have all been just as wrong as the comrades in all our major expectations but we put a better face on it and we deny it to the last.

"I am going to organize, as soon as the rush of Christmas is over, a Grand Confession. Every statesman in the world is going to attend and confess that he was wrong about everything. The whole British and Canadian governments will be present in sack cloth and ashes, beating their breasts with a leather-bound copy of the League of Nations Covenant. All the Pink Comrades will be there, borne down under the weight of the Nazi-Soviet Pact. I shall be a leading mourner and supplicant. You will be there. Hitler will be there. Mussolini will be there. The only person of prominence who will be absent will be Comrade Stalin who knew what he was doing from the start. Anyway, by that time Comrade Stalin will probably have laughed himself to death at the pink brethren throughout the world."

### AFTER ITS WORK HAD BEEN DONE



This picture, passed by the British and French censors, was snapped at the moment a shell, smoking hot, was ejected from the breech of a big gun after the "business end" of the implement had been sent on its way to the enemy lines.



## TORONTO IN LEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (CP) — Toronto Maple Leafs took advantage of a double engagement at the week-end with the luckless New York Americans to score a couple of one-sided victories and thereby assume exclusive possession of first place in the National Hockey League. On Saturday night at the Maple Leafs Garden in Toronto, Connie Smythe's men turned in a five to one victory and Sunday night at New York it was four to one in their favor. In Saturday night's game at Toronto, the Americans' goalie was rated the star of the evening. Had it not been for his great net guardianship the score would have been even heavier against the weakened, tired and altogether outclassed Americans. Sylvanus Apps and Gus Marker turned in fine play for the Maple Leafs as did Gordon Drillon who made two of the goals, one a fluky glance one minute and 6 seconds before the final whistle. Apps had it headed directly for the goal but it hit Drillon and glanced on in, Drillon getting credit for the counter.

The Boston Bruins defeated Chicago Black Hawks at Chicago but are no longer in the tie with Toronto Maple Leafs for first place.

New York Rangers, who have not been beaten in nine straight games, played a scoreless draw with the Detroit Red Wings last night after defeating the Montreal Canadiens Saturday and moved into third place in the standing ahead of the Canadiens.

Tomorrow night the Canadiens will play Rangers at New York and Toronto Maple Leafs will play at Boston.

Week-end scores were as follows:

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Toronto	9	3	3	44	24	21
Boston	8	3	4	37	25	19
Rangers	5	7	3	31	21	17
Canadiens	7	2	5	40	33	16
Chicago	6	1	7	28	44	13
Detroit	4	3	9	27	35	11
Americans	4	1	12	33	48	9

## AIYANSH WON OUT

AIYANSH, Dec. 18.— Greenville basketball team lost the final game of a two game series at Aiyansh by a score of 24 to 14. The total score for the two games was: Greenville 36, Aiyansh 56. The Greenville team left for home at the end of the week.

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## SHOOTING FOR BIRDS

Annual Christmas Turkey Competitions Yesterday On Canadian National Ranges

Around fifty ambitious marksmen were on hand for the annual Christmas turkey shoot at the Canadian National Recreation Association rifle range Saturday afternoon. A number of ladies took part, upholding the honor of the sex with some very fine scores. At this shoot the new "luck" target was an innovation, being used for the first time in Prince Rupert. This target gives the same chance to the green shot as to the expert marksman; as there is no bulls-eye or aiming mark. The regulation 20-yard target was also used for those who wished to test their skill.

Following were winners' scores in the various competitions:

**Luck Target**  
 High Possible 54—Low Possible 3  
 First match—high score, Mrs. B. Lundahl, 36; low score, Mrs. C. Fitzgerald, 12.

Second match—high score, Miss May Marion, 38; low score, Mrs. A. C. K. Sloan, 5.

Third match—high score, Ole Rollag; low score, Mrs. Tom Dahl.

Fourth match—high score, Lee, Bdr. M. van Cooten, 31; low score, Mrs. J. Currie, 14.

**Standard 20 Yard Bulls-eye**

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Men's first competition—first, Lieut. C. Fitzgerald, 48.

Second competition—first, Peter Brass, 50.

Ladies' first competition, first, Mrs. Gillies, 50.

Second competition—first, B. Fortune, 50.

W. Brass, chairman of Canadian National Recreation Association Rifle Club, was in charge, assisted by O. Rollag, T. Fortune, Malcolm Lamb and Mrs. W. Brass.

## ROWLING SCHEDULE

First Half of Commercial League Time-Table

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