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TOO GREAT SPEED

If what the Nazis claim were true, it would mean that by this time the British navy should be almost annihilated. Fortunately, it is not true and the British navy today is stronger than ever it has been. Destroyers have been getting most of the casualties because they are used most extensively for defence of convoys and other risky jobs. They have speed and are well armed. So they are in the thick of the fight most of the time. Losing a destroyer is quite different from losing a cruiser or a battleship. Possibly it is necessary to let the German people think they are winning ing all the time. So it is with Italy. If Mussolini could win the war by over-statement he would soon have us all beaten.

TAKING HEAVY TOLL

While enemy losses announced by the Royal Air Force are heavy, there are probably many more losses than those counted as such. When an airplane goes off limping, it is often stated that a German plane was badly injured and probably may not reach home. It is not counted as a victim. Many of these planes do not reach home. The only ones announced are those which are seen fall into the sea or smash to pieces on land or are blown to pieces in the air. It is enough to let the people know that German losses are very heavy, so heavy that they are being acutely felt. Another source of loss is the machines destroyed when on the ground at or near the airdromes which are bombed. Dozens also are restroyed at the German factories bombed by the British airmen in various parts of the country. On the whole the actual losses are possibly twice as large as those announced as having been shot down.

NO UNEMPLOYED

Inquiry at the City Hall shows that at the present time there are no unemployed in Prince Rupert receiving doles from the city except those who are physically unable to do a day's work. Many quite young lads have been securing employment here lately, some for the holidays and some going to work permanently.

CHINA AND RUSSIA

Russia is unofficially supporting the Chinese campaign against the Japanese and is supplying that country with a great deal of her needs. Evidently Russia is treating China better than she is treating Germany. Hitherto Britain has been supplying China with much food, arms and ammunition. To avoid friction at a time when Britain is being pressed by Germany, the British have closed to munitions traffic the road through Burma for three months, at a time when it is little used because of weather conditions. Now the Japanese have arrested a number of British subjects which is likely to prove an irritation. Russia, in the meantime, sits tight in her huge territory and gives encouragement to China to continue the war against Japan so that the power of Japan may be lessened in the Orient and the manace to Russia be less. What we must remember is that Russians do not love the Chinese except to the extent that they can serve Russia's purpose. Stalin has used Bolshevism because it has served his purpose. He also is using China as long as China can serve his purpose.

R.A.F. BOMBER BAGS ENEMY TANKER

A British bomber wings its way over a blazing enemy tanker in the English Channel as Great Britain, in reprisal for raids upon her own merchant marine, lashes out against enemy shipping. Picture passed by British censor and cabled from London to New York.

Soccer Leagues May Run After All This Year

LONDON, July 30: (CP)— The English Football League, notwithstanding the war, is contemplating operating during the coming season. The Scottish League may revise a previous decision not to operate this winter.

FOOTBALL

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VELVET vs. IRISH

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BASEBALL AUTOMATIC

Modern Game Monotonous to Old Timer Who Played It Back in 1860

OAKLAND, Calif., July 30: (CP)— Few baseball players of today pound their hands on the ground preparatory to catching a ball. Still fewer stand at the home plate and tell the pitcher to put the ball exactly where they want it and that they'll wait there until he does.

Yet these were ordinary features of the game when Walter Mathews played it back in the 1860's. Mathews, who is now 90, quit the game some 70 years ago but the memory of when he played against the immortal Cincinnati Red Stockings, and of the time he individually scored 14 runs in a single game, is still keen.

"The game seems so monotonous now," he complains. "The players never miss a ball. Everything's so automatic. They're too perfect."

"The reason we patted the ground with our hands was that we wore no gloves in those days and if we didn't keep our palms warm we'd get a terrible sting," he explained. "The ball was just as hard as it is today and a good deal livelier. Practically every ball player I remember suffered broken fingers."

The happy position of the batter in early baseball was due to the fact that no balls were called. The batter got three strikes, but he could "wait for 'em" as long as he wished. Pitching was underhand.

"Naturally the games were longer," said Mathews. "They lasted all afternoon, and it was nothing for one side to score 30 or 40 runs."

Owing to rain and wet grounds, Ladies' League softball games, scheduled for last evening, were postponed.

SPORT CHAT

Singles and doubles lawn bowling championships of the Canadian National Recreation Association's Lawn Bowling Club are now in progress. In the final of the men's singles are Dave MacPhee and Duck Parkin who were prevented from playing over the week-end owing to the showers and damp greens. Play in the doubles is well under way but has not reached the finals stage as yet.

With North Star apparently due for one of the berths as a result of a double-header victory Saturday, one game at the expense of Dominion Dairy and the other over Fraser Street, Fraser Street and Dairy will now vie for the runner-up position and play-off right in the Intermediate Softball League. The Dairy is now in third place but is menacing Fraser Street which will have to buck up if it is to partiticpate in the final. The second half ends August 3 and the finals will be played August 4. The line-ups in Saturday evening's game were as follows:

Dominion Dairy — MacLean, Hebb, Gomes, Schaeffer, Anderson, Laurie, Cameron, Blackhall and Keays.

North Star— Berg, Santerbane, Simmundsen, Zbura, Bird, Mentenko, Pettenuno, Roy and Perkins.

Fraser Street—Gillis (3b), Arney (pitcher), Bill (cf), Postuk (catcher), Gurvich (1b), Killas (2b), Pavlikis (rf), Vuckovich (lf) and Scherk (cf).

Fraser Street's line-up for tonight's game against Dominion Dairy will be the same.

Ken Black of Vancouver, the wielder of a magic putter, realized a life-long ambition at Mount Bruno a year ago yesterday when he beat Henry Martwell of Edmonton to capture the Canadian Amateur Golf Championship.

Douglas Opperman practiced day and night through long winter months mastering the difficult shots that won the national marble tournament—and now he wants to be a baseball player. The 15-year old Pittsburgh high school boy came home from the competition at New York's Fair with two cups, a crown, some medals and $2.50—but he's even more proud of a baseball autographed by all the New York baseball Giants.

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