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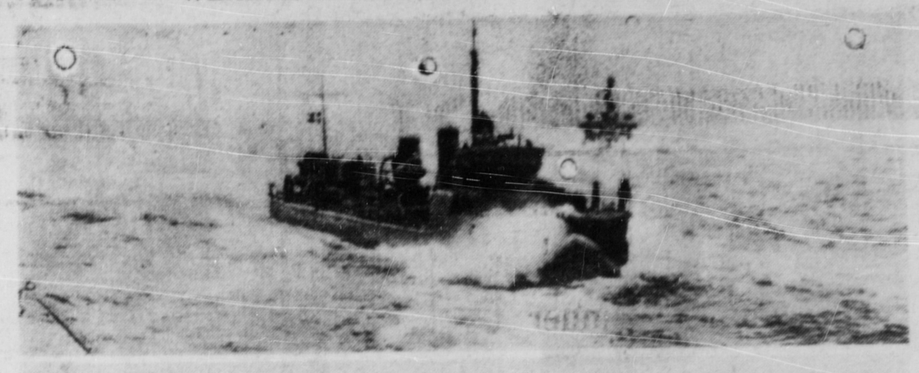

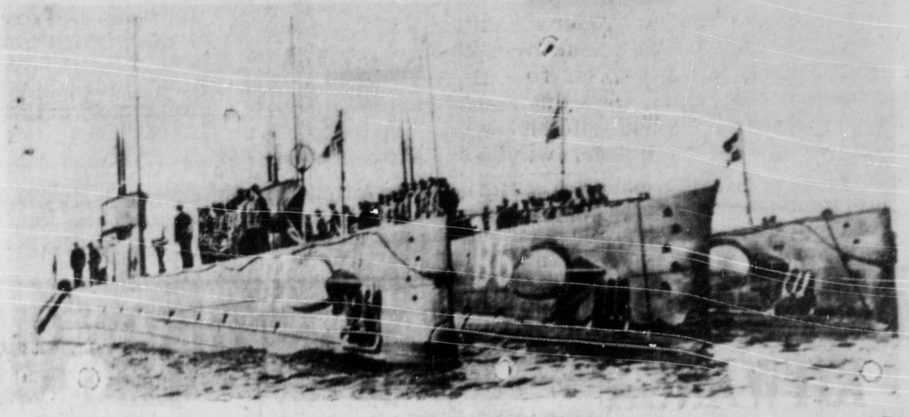

Doomed to ineffectiveness against the might of Germany are the tiny navies of Norway and Denmark. Torpedo boats of the Danish navy are shown, top, while three of Norway's small fleet of submarines are shown, bottom. Never seriously considered as opposition to any major naval power, these greft were built for coastal patrol work in an effort to preserve the neutrality of the tiny Scandinavian countries.

CRUSADERS IN FRANCE

Fighters of 47 Nations Enrolled Under Tricolor in Cause in Which They Believe

By GLADYS M. ARNOLD
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PARIS, May 31: (CP)—Every nationality from Irakians to Uruguayans, from citizens of the United States to denationalized bearers of League of Nations passports are to be found in the ranks of the legions of France. The French uniform may cover a Yugoslav, Dane, Swede, Norwegian, Belgian, Peruvian or Egyptian.

The other day an emigrated White Russian resident of Paris and second lieutenant in the French army received the Legion of Honor for gallantry. This suggested an investigation which revealed that no less than 47 different nationalities are serving under the Tricolor of France.

The legions of Polish and Czechoslovak soldiers have reached such proportions that they are well known. They are independent organizations in France but take their place side by side with the Allied armies at the Front. Less known are the international volunteers.

These strangers of many lands flocked to recruiting offices in France when the war began and they are incorporated in newly formed foreign regiments. Many of them scarcely know enough of the French language to understand the orders given them. To them there is no national sentiment, or very little, but they are fighting for "purely ideological reasons." The Allies—France and England—mean less to them as nations than as defenders of a cause in which they believe. For them it has in 1940 all the elements of a crusade.

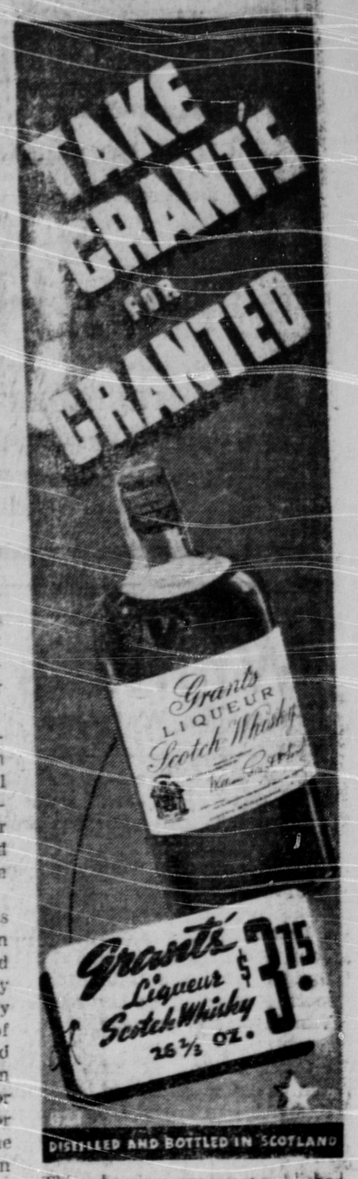
Comparing Wars

Writers here point out this marks the profound difference between the First and Second Great War of the 20th century. The First Great War was a relatively straight nationalist fight, each nation fighting for what was considered the country's place in a tolerable world—men in 1914-18 fought for their native lands.

The present war shows greater resemblance to those of Napoleon, some writers say. They destroyed old allegiances, cut across political divisions and produced many curious regiments which might well be the ancestors of the present Polish and Czech legions of France. Napoleon led Dutch troops—and Germans—into Russia. The latter later joined forces with the British to send Napoleon to St. Helena. Even in the British armies were to be found many an anti-Bonapartist Frenchman. Even royalist Americans fought valiantly under Wellington.

The character of the present "international legions" had its beginning in Spain where men fought bravely—not for country—but for ideas. They came by the thousands from all parts of the world to range themselves on one side or the other according to their beliefs. They had no sentiment of Spanish patriotism, scarcely knew the names of their generals, were unable to speak the language, unfamiliar with the history of Spain, yet they had the urge to defend an idea.

Today the International Brigade is a normal adjunct of the French armies.



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Mrs. Toop Of Port Clements Has Passed Away

The death occurred recently at the Queen Charlotte City Hospital of Mrs. Mary A. G. Toop, widow of the late William Toop. Mrs. Toop, who was born in Scotland, had been a resident of Port Clements for the past twenty-six years. She was seventy-nine years of age.

Mrs. Toop is survived by two brothers, Hugh McLellan of Trochu, Alberta, and John McLellan of Port Clements, also a nephew, Robert McLellan of Vancouver.

TENACIOUS BULL

CORRYONG, Australia, May 31: (CP)—John Findlay, 41, farmer, was gored to death by a bull on his farm here. Several shots were necessary to drive the bull away from the body.

OFF TO THE WESTERN FRONT

Members of the Anglo-French Women's Ambulance Corps are shown just before they sailed from England for war duty on the Western Front. They are ambulance drivers and will receive additional training in the Marshal Foch hospital in Paris before being assigned to sectors on the front.

Gayer Clothes In Old England

NEW YORK, May 31: (CP) — Part of Jean Smith's job in the woollen apparel department of the British Pavilion at the New York World's Fair is to show "how British manufacturers are keeping up marvelous standards, despite difficulties of the war."

"We've been combatting ersatz wools, imitation wools made of milk and wood pulp," she said. "We tell the world that there's nothing like wool for resiliency, heat retention and health.

Generally the war has had a brightening effect on fashions, Miss Smith believes. "Women in Britain are wearing gayer stuff because we in the fashion world are determined that the story of the last war shall not be repeated.

"That war everybody had to get down to beiges. We had no dyes. All the dyestuffs had been German. It wasn't until years after that things got back to normal. This time it's going to be different."

Man in the Moon

This is the greatest spending era in the history of the world. All that is necessary is to ask in order to secure a few million dollars.

Leopold is looking for his crown jewels. Bet he has them in his trunk but is afraid to let Hitler know about it.

Adrian Arcand, the Canadian fascist leader, is in jail. He is learning what it is to live under a totalitrian government. Just now Canada is totalitarian. All believe in winning the war as quickly as possible and one way to win is to lock up such men as Arcand.

What is perhaps the oddest story of the war comes from a Yorkshire doctor. Some weeks ago he had the captain of a German U-boat among his patients, a clever young fellow of 25 or so, speaking English well. He was severely wounded when the submarine was captured, and for some time was in a critical condition. When he recovered sufficiently to understand the attention which had been given to him he astonished his doctor by sitting up in bed and saying: It will pay you, my friend, to get me well and keep me well. I shall not forget your services, and when Germany occupies England I will be your friend and see that no harm comes to you. The Yorkshire doctor just smiled.

"Whatever are you doing?" cried father, as he saw Jimmy emptying a bottle of ink into the goldfish bowl.

"I'm just blacking out for the goldfish, daddy," replied Jimmy, seriously.

A doctor met two children in the street and asked them how they were.

"I don't think we'd better tell you," replied one child.

"Why not?" asked the doctor.

"Father told us that when you called last month and asked how we were it cost him $10.

A distinguished visitor at a lunatic asylum went to the telephone and found difficulty in getting his connection. Exasperated, he shouted to the operator:

"Look here, girl, do you know who I am?"

"No," came back the calm reply, "but I know where you are."

"Please, sir, could I have tomorrow afternoon off?——"

"Your grandmother, I suppose!"

"Exactly, sir. She is making her first parachute jump."

The GARDEN

It is the way of a good gardener never to be satisfied. He always wants to be improving, changing his layout, trying out something new. In that way he finds out what is best and in a rather new country like ours it is important to test everything and find out what can be used to advantage.

Jock Murray has been gardening for over twenty years. Yet each year he changes his layout or tries something new. This year he seems to have exceeded all his past efforts in laying out his back garden and planting seedlings for summer blooming. He is introducing a new type of curves for his plot and they look very well. In his little greehouse he raises all the seedlings he wants and he also has enough to supply many of his neighbors. His is the way of most gardeners, who give away what they cannot use. The Murray garden promises very well this season. Those who want some hints on how to do things would do well to see Mr. Murray at his Frederick Street home.

This is the blooming season for the Siberian wallflower. The most common color of this flower is a bright orange. Many people like it. Walter Longwill uses it in his rockeries a good deal and Dr. Hankinson has a blaze of it. Many other gardeners like it. But there is a minority that says the Siberian wallflower does not blend with most of the other flowers. The colors jar. I have a few of these flowers but they are grown entirely on my own initiative. The other members of the family do not like them. I have heard several neighbors pass derogatory remarks. So there you are. Personally I like any flower that lends brightness to the landscape and I am particularly partial to the Siberian wallflower.—H.F.P.

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