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EDITORIALS

MUST BE REALISTS

It must not be thought that, because the British have failed to announce the damage done to their country, they have escaped without any damage. No sensible person would think that. Some of the bombing planes have broken through and bombed objectives and it is quite possible that some of the factories have suffered. We all realize that this must be. An important thing is that many more German than British planes have been brought down and that much more damage has been caused to German military objectives than has been caused to British. In fact, our side has been getting far the best of the fight so far. That is the important thing to remember. We must be realists, not imagining that our side is escaping without damage but also rightfully realizing that we are getting the better of the fight.

THE BIG BERTHAS

The Big Bertha guns being fired against southwest England will have little effect so far as winning the war is concerned. Even under the best possible conditions they could affect only a few miles of territory and the cost of the bombardment must be very great compared with the results achieved. Yesterday's report said that many of these guns had been silenced by the action of the Royal Air Force. Also British guns were able to fire across the channel in answer to the Germans.

Something more effective than that bombardment will have to be found if the Germans expect to win this war.

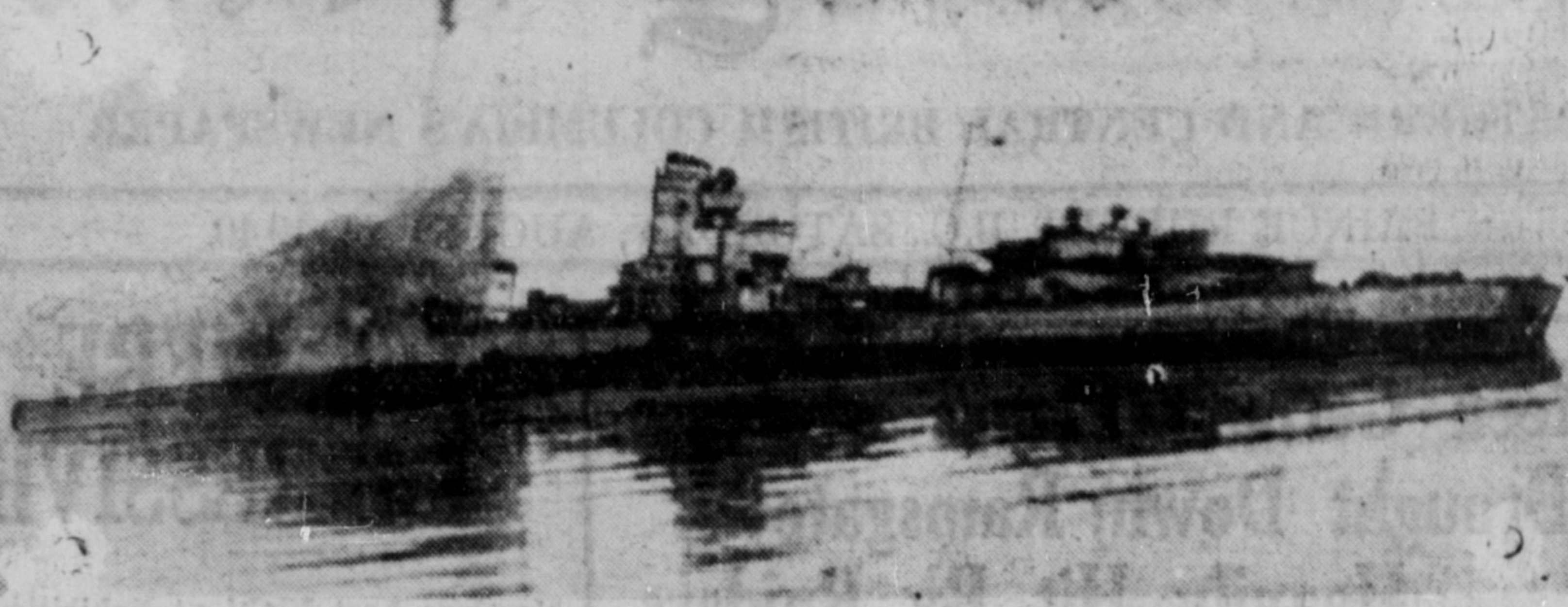
SHOULD WE BE PLEASED?

Some criticism has been levelled at those who express pleasure when men are shot down by the British in the present war. And yet we are all pleased to hear of a British victory and the greater the destruction of men or material the greater the pleasure. War is the business of killing each other and, if we do not kill the enemy, they will kill us. The expressions of pleasure come from knowledge of the fact that every time there is a German or Italian disaster the nearer we are to winning the war. And the end of the war is that for which most of us wish.

At a time like this we all become inhuman, savage, callous un-Christian perhaps. It can't very well be helped. If we are to have a better world we must be willing to fight for it. We cannot allow a Hitler or a Mussolini to ravage country after country with impunity. Dictatorship, wherever it may be, is abhorrent.

So we rejoice when our men shoot down a German or Italian plane and, if they shoot down a hundred or two with the loss of several hundred aviators, we are more than pleased because it prevents them doing the same with us. We are not invading them. They are invading us and neither Germany nor Italy has any good reason for doing so.

NAZI DESTROYER ABANDONED AFTER NARVIK BATTLE



A German destroyer is shown abandoned and in flames east of Narvik harbor, Norway. Pictures are now becoming general of the April naval battle.

SPEEDED UP IN CANADA

Air Schools in Higher Gear To Meet Needs of British Air Forces

OTTAWA, Aug. 24: (CP)—Canada is speeding up the training of bomber and fighter pilots to man the parade of new planes which is strengthening Britain's air armada.

New flying fields and buildings are being constructed all over the Dominion for the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The beginning of intensive air warfare over Britain has resulted in acceleration of the scheme and many flying schools are being opened ahead of schedule.

Already the training plan is taking on Imperial outlines. One small group of student airmen has arrived from Britain for instruction at service flying schools in Canada.

Air Minister Power has announced that others will soon come from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

The latest move to speed up the output of pilots is the shortening of the time it takes to make an airman from a civilian. Under the new schedule, pilots will be ready for active service in 25 weeks instead of the 28 weeks originally allotted.

Thousands of young men between 18 and 28 years of age have now been enrolled for training. Their first four weeks are spent at initial training schools where they study Air Force law, the theory of flight, mechanics and related subjects.

Then those who are training to be pilots are promoted to one of 26 elementary flying training schools being established through the Dominion. These schools are operated by private companies set up by units of the Canadian Flying Clubs Association under Royal Canadian Air Force supervision.

Fly Training Planes
Here the student airmen get their first flying instruction. After seven weeks they are able to fly slow training planes—the De Havilland Moth or the Fleet Finch. In addition, they have received more ground instruction and training in the use of machine-guns.

The next step is seven weeks of intermediate training at a service flying training school operated directly by the R.C.A.F. Eight of these schools will be open by the end of the year. This is half the number which will be operating when the Commonwealth plan has reached its peak.

The airmen learn to fly fast, low-wing monoplane, either the North American Harvard or the Fleet 60—both of which fly about 200 miles an hour, double the speed of the primary trainers.

They then move on to their final seven weeks of advanced training. Pilots being trained to handle bombers fly the Avro Anson, a twin-engine British aircraft. Fighting pilots use speedy little pursuit ships.

For the first time their training planes are equipped with bomb racks and machine-guns. The airmen practice aerobatics, formation flying and navigation. They learn how to fly by instruments alone through darkness, fog or rain. Finally they are given a polishing-up in aerial marksmanship with machine-guns and bombs at one of 10 bombing and gunnery schools.

Then their training is complete. They will be ready to proceed overseas for actual operations against the enemy. They will join hundreds of Canadian airmen who are already in the United Kingdom to fly Spitfire and Hurricane fighters in the defence of Britain or heavy bombers like the ones which have been smashing at German objectives on the continent.

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SPORT CHAT

The Canadian National Recreation Association is awaiting a drying up of weather conditions so as to wind up the trophy season this week-end with the playing of finals in two rink competitions—for the Tip Top and the Woodland Memorial trophies. Jack Preece and Jack Frew rinks are in the final for the Tip Top trophy. In the Woodland Memorial trophy final R. E. Benson's rink has reached the final and will meet the winner of the semi-final between Ben Dalgarno and Thomas McMeekin rinks. Early this week A. T. Parkin and Ben Dalgarno won the doubles championship of the Club by defeating S. Samuelson and D. A. MacPhee 23 to 16.

Goal of all pitchers is a 20-game winning season. A year ago four pitchers from each major league achieved this feat—Bob Feller of Cleveland, Red Ruffing of the New York Yankees, Dutch Leonard of Washington and Buck Newsom of Detroit in the American League of Curt Davis of the St. Louis Cardinals, Luke Hamlin of Brooklyn and Bucky Walters and Paul Derringer of Cincinnati in the National. This season only five tossers appear fairly sure of hitting the 20 figure unless others put on a late stretch spurt. Current pace getters are Cleveland's Feller with 20 and six and Al Milnar with 14 and seven. Detroit's Newsom with 14 and two, Cincinnati's Derringer with 16 and nine and Walters with 16 won and eight lost.

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BIG LIST FOR GOLF

Entries For Jasper Annual More Numerous Than Ever Before

GREENVILLE IS WINNER

Defeated Kinloch by Score of One to Nothing in Football Semi-Final

JASPER PARK, Aug. 24—An entry list which tops all previous records by a substantial margin already has been posted with executives of Jasper's annual Totem Pole Golf tournament, it was reported today. With the opening date September 1, still a week away, 250 golfers already have registered for the competition, firmly establishing the Totem Pole as the most popular of Canadian mountain resort golf events.

Don Thompson, long-driving ace from Portland, Oregon, who topped the Totem Pole trophy for the American west coast contingent last fall, is listed among the entrants, as is Seattle's threat, Ralph Whaley. Barbara Winn, winner of the women's event in 1939, also will be on hand to defend her crown while her opposition in the finals, Mrs. W. R. Cumming of Vancouver, will make another attempt to lift the title.

As in previous seasons, bulk of entrants in this year's tourney are

Greenville defeated Kinloch by a score of one to nothing Thursday afternoon in an exciting semi-final game for the Northern British Columbia native football championship in connection with the fall carnival. Two overtime periods had to be played before a goal was made. Greenville will meet Alayash for the title.

Henry Dickens refereed Thursday afternoon's game and Jack Bremner and Herb Morgan were linesmen.

from United States although virtually every city in Canada will be represented. The Pacific coast's large entry will come by way of Vancouver, travelling on a special train of Pullmans, only train of its kind to be operated to any golf tournament in North America.

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