

Greatest Air Battle In History

Nazis Continue Drive Against British Isles; Fury Is Undiminished

German Raiders Sweep Length and Breadth of Country and Subject Industrial Midlands to Severest Bombing Yet

LONDON, August 14.—In the war in the air, the Royal Air Force is now destroying German planes at a greater rate than the Reich can produce them. If the present rate of destruction continues, a total of 2124 German planes will have been disposed of in a month whereas the rate of production is placed at 1800 per month. Germany is estimated to have a total of from 10,000 to 12,000 planes of all types, half of which, it is believed, Marshal Herman Goering would be prepared to sacrifice. Since last Thursday 260 Nazi planes are estimated to have been brought down in attacks against the British Isles, seventy-eight yesterday alone. Yesterday's air battle was the greatest so far in the war.

SMALL NAVY UNITS MOVE INTO FIGHT

LONDON, Aug. 14: (CP)—The British Admiralty announced that British motor torpedo boats last night fought a series of actions with larger enemy surface craft. The fighting took place during the darkness. One enemy boat was rammed and another engaged with machine guns and grenades at close range with considerable effect.

Bulletins

LOCAL BOY DROWNED
TETAFURA KADONAGA, well known local High School boy, was drowned in the Skeena River near Haysport yesterday when he fell into the Skeena River from his father's fish boat. He was seventeen years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kadonaga, 1529 Atlin Avenue. The body was recovered and brought into the city.

REPAIRING SCHOOL
Henry Whittaker, provincial architect, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from Victoria. He is here to make an inspection of the Booth Memorial School which is being repaired. Carrying out of the work may delay the reopening of school for at least some classes this fall.

POLICING SHANGHAI
SHANGHAI—Admiral Thomas Hart, commander-in-chief of the United States Asiatic fleet, arrived here today. A meeting is being held under Admiral Hart's chairmanship today to arrange for taking over policing of the international settlement following withdrawal of British forces. Japan has intimated that it desires to take over but other nations feel that Japan would take advantage of such an opportunity for exploitation of its interests.

REGISTER FIREARMS
VICTORIA—A census of all firearms in British Columbia is to be taken by September 15. In cases where the registrations are not approved, the weapons must be surrendered. Those failing to register arms will be subject to prosecution.

AUSTRALIA ELECTION
CANBERRA—The loss of three members of the Australian war cabinet in an airplane crash may bring on a general election which has been pending for some time.

CRASHED INTO SEA
BRISBANE—A Royal Australian Air Force plane is believed to have crashed into the sea while on a flight from here with six airmen aboard.

WINS AUSSIE CUP

FLEMINGTON, Australia, August 14: (CP)—T. S. Ryder's Blackford won the \$7,000 Australian Grand National steeplechase over 3½ miles on the famous Flemington race course here beating J. S. Ford's Man of Ayr by half a length.

The battle entered its fourth successive day today commencing with undiminished intensity but later easing up for a time to continue again this afternoon in a gigantic attack which the Royal Air Force was successful to large extent in beating off although several balloon barrages were brought down and some damage done. There was another big battle between opposing aircraft off the southwest coast.

There were reports of eleven parachutists having dropped from enemy planes in the Midlands, seven being picked up. These were probably airmen who bailed out of downcoming raiders. In addition to defending Britain's shores, Royal Air Force planes were able to continue giving attention to Germany with extensive raids on northwestern Germany, France and Holland. Bremen was among the points attacked, its radio station going off the air. Berlin also had air raid alarms but no bombs were dropped on the German capital.

The Air Ministry officially announced today that a total of seventy-eight German planes had been destroyed yesterday and thirteen British fighters lost in continuation of the air fighting in the course of the "Battle of Britain." Southampton was bombed in three waves and several fires were started. Coming over wave after wave, hundreds of German raiders continued their attacks on Great Britain all day yesterday and far into the night as the British press warned that the "Battle of Britain" had now begun. In addition to the announcement of the destruction of seventy-eight planes for the day with thirteen British fighters downed, the British communiqué acknowledged that twelve Royal Air Force bombers had failed to return from extensive raids on the continent. Ten airmen from the thirteen downed British planes are safe, three being injured.

Unofficial reports placed the number of raiders brought down at even greater than the official communiqué stated. The official British communiqué, it is well known, are usually conservative in their estimates. Owing to the large number of planes being used by the Nazis in their daily raids now, alarms are caused over a wide area, embracing inland gunnery stations.

ENTER LIBYA
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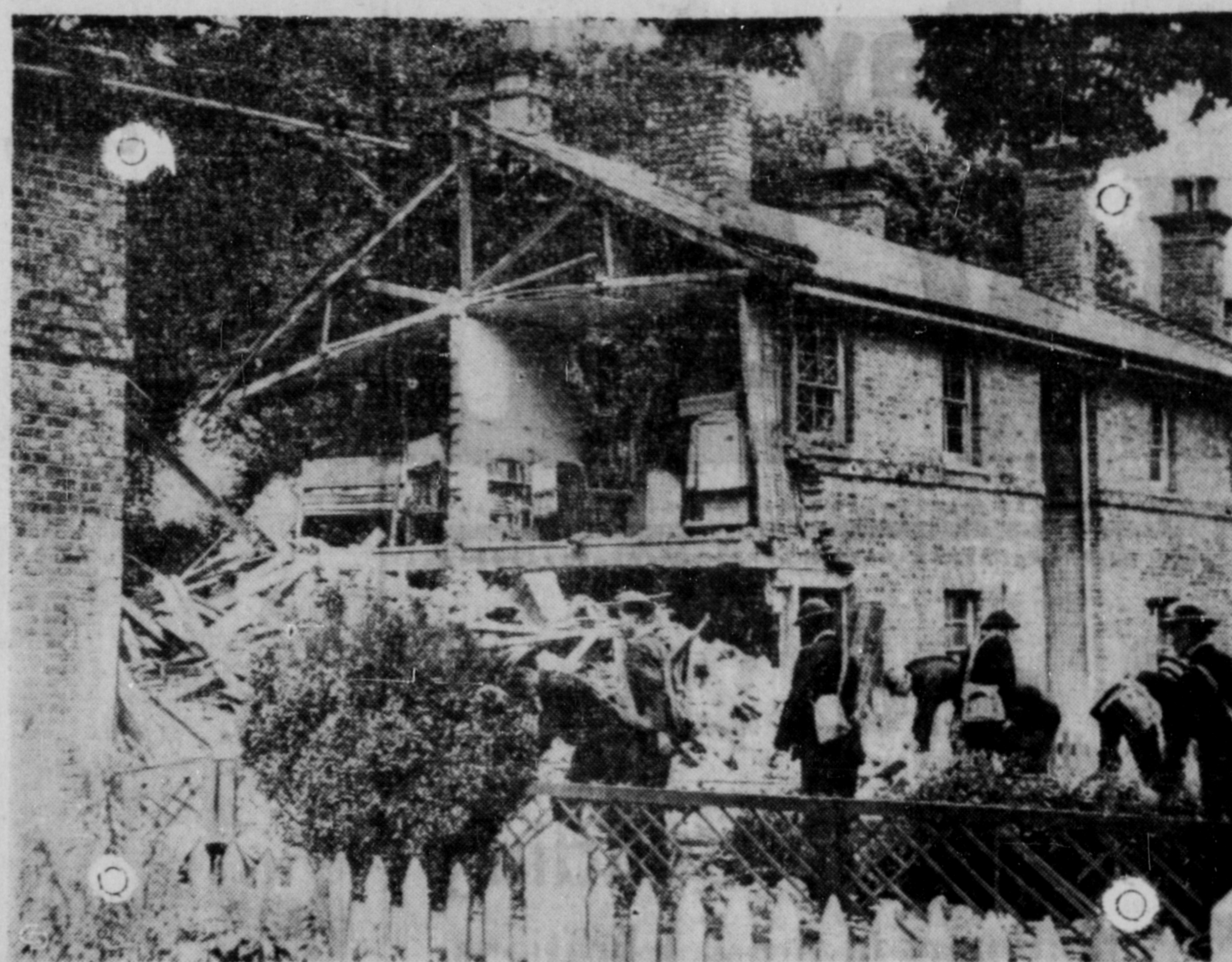
Turns Misfortune To Good Account

Greenville House Is Burned Down

Residence of John Nelson at Naas River Village Destroyed by Fire

Dominion Constable A. J. Watkinson has left aboard the Indian Department cruiser Naskeena for Greenville on the Naas River to investigate the destruction by fire of John G. Nelson's residence there. Passerby noticed the smouldering embers of Nelson's house and made report to the Indian Agent's office here. The village was entirely empty of its population at the time as far as known, all the people being away at the canneries.

ON HEELS OF NAZI RAIDERS



Britain's efficient A.R.P. is mainly responsible for the comparative small loss of life during the Nazi air raids upon towns and cities throughout the nation. Each area is under close supervision of a central control station and rescue workers follow closely the progress of the planes, reaching a stricken spot almost immediately. Here is a squad on scene of a recent raid, systematically combing the ruins for dead or injured. This was made in southeastern England, scene of constant raids the past few days.

OVERSEAS CHILDREN

Special Canadian Advisory Committee to be Set up, It is Announced

OTTAWA, Aug. 13: (CP)—Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of natural resources, announced the formation of a national advisory committee for children from overseas headed by Dr. R. S. Wallace, principal of Queen's University, and said that the movement from the United Kingdom to Canada may attain "considerable proportions" within the next few months.

ITALIANS REPELLED

General Attack in British Somaliland Meets With Failure

CAIRO, August 14.—The British command announces that a general Italian attack on British positions covering Juguranean Pass in British Somaliland was repelled in spite of intense support by low flying enemy aircraft. The attacks were broken up and repulsed by British artillery and small arms fire.

In one place the enemy obtained a small local advantage but was immediately counter-attacked.

British light naval forces bombarded Italian troop concentration along the Somaliland coast yesterday.

One large bomber was brought down by infantry fire.

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War News

MALTA RAIDED

VELETTA, Malta.—There were two Italian air raids on Malta during the night. Bombs did little damage and there was only one casualty.

EASIER TO ENLIST

OTTAWA.—Physical requirements for enlistment are being dropped, it is announced. Grounds for rejection are being reduced. Those of Class C1 category may now get into active service.

PLANES FOR BRITAIN

WASHINGTON—Arthur Purvis, chief British purchasing agent, disclosed yesterday that the United States has offered to supply Great Britain with between 1300 and 1400 of 3,000 fighting planes requested monthly. Delivery would not, however, start before late in 1941.

NAVAL ACTION

LONDON.—Two British destroyers hit three German naval units in an engagement early today and it is thought one armed trawler and one German speedboat were sunk, the Admiralty announced.

SWEDISH SHIP SUNK

LONDON.—Reuters News Agency, in a dispatch from Stockholm, reports the sinking of the 1300-ton Swedish steamer Varia in an air attack in the English Channel. Ten were saved and eight are missing. In a recent week 75,000 tons of British and neutral shipping was sunk—thirteen British ships, one Allied and five neutral.

British Airmen Cross Alps And Drop Their Bombs On Vital Aircraft Factories

LONDON, August 14: (CP)—Rome confirms heavy bombings of Milan and Turin, important northern Italian industrial centres, by the Royal Air Force, complaining that 22 civilians were killed and sixty injured. Heavy damage was done on military objectives and all British planes returned home safely except one which made a forced landing in the sea near home, the crew being rescued.

The Air Ministry announces that Caproni factory at Milan and the Fiat plant at Turin, two of Italy's most vital aircraft works, were seriously damaged by the Royal Air Force bombers which flew 1600 miles in a double crossing of the Alps.

IS PLAYING CRISIS IS LARGE PART MOVING TO HEAD NOW

New Zealand's Men Win High Honors in All Branches of the Fighting Services

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AUCKLAND, Aug. 14: (CP)—In proportion to the size of its population, New Zealand has already made a notable contribution to Britain's war effort. But it is only apparently moved toward a crisis now at the end of almost a year of the newspaper La Tribuna, was an organization which will ensure the putting forth of a maximum effort. Much more will be done next year and in succeeding years if necessary.

Already the smallest Dominion has some fine war achievements. While numbers cannot be given, New Zealand has trained, armed and sent overseas large contingents of all arms both to Egypt and to England. The latter troops in Maori battalion, with its own officers, which has made such a fine impression in Britain.

Over and above the troops New Zealand undertook to provide, she has sent urgently needed auxiliary units, such as forestry, railway survey and construction contingents. Prime Minister Peter Fraser recently said more units had been made available to Britain than could be placed at present.

Of the Dominion's two cruisers, one, the Achilles, rendered fine service in the Graf Spee action off Montevideo, in December. A number of auxiliary vessels have been armed for naval use in New Zealand.

New Zealand contingents for the Royal Air Force, which have been sending to England for some years, have already made their mark in fighting. The late Flying Officer E. J. (Cobber) Kain was only one of a number of New Zealand pilots who have become aces in the present war. Large additional detachments of fliers have been sent to England since war started.

Expect 1040 Peak

Efforts in all branches of the services will not reach their maximum until next year. Power has been taken to conscript men, wealth and property for war purposes and growing realization of the need for preparedness in the Pacific, as well as the utmost support for Britain, will ensure that extensive use is made of these powers.

Voluntary recruiting for militia or overseas service has ceased and henceforth all men will be conscripted. This is not through any lack of volunteers. Sufficient are waiting to fill all expeditionary force drafts for months to come. Conscription is considered fairer than the voluntary system. Returned soldiers and mounted detachments of farmers are being recruited to support the militia in home defence and free younger men or overseas service.

Biggest steps of all are being taken in Air Force expansion. It was recently announced that there were in the country sufficient planes and bombs to deal with any anticipated scale of attack. Large numbers of additional aircraft are being put into operation under the Empire Training Scheme and it is anticipated that before long New Zealand will be able to supply personnel for advanced training at the rate of 1000 annually. Supply Minister D. J. Sullivan has just completed talks in Australia which will ensure that the two southern Dominions will be co-ordinated for munition supply and defence purposes at a single unit, increasingly self-supporting.

Until recently the war effort has been handicapped to some degree through lack of political unity but the formation of a war cabinet of three government members and two from the national opposition has been a long step forward.

Halibut Sales

American
Harding, 16,000, 10c and 8c, Storage.
Tascoma, 25,000, 10.8c and 8c, Booth.
Antler, 24,000, 12.6c and 8c, Royal.
Canadian
Covenant, 9,000, 11.5c and 8.5c, Storage.

Italy Indicates It Has Designs Against Both Greece And Yugoslavia

ROME, Aug. 14: (CP)—Friction between Italy and Yugoslavia was reported by the Fascist press yesterday as Italian-Greek tension. The Yugoslav difficulty, according to the newspaper La Tribuna, was an organization which will ensure the putting forth of a maximum effort. Much more will be done next year and in succeeding years if necessary.

Authoritative Italian circles indicated that Italy would claim slices of Greek and Yugoslav territory sooner or later as a "general settlement."

Meantime diplomatic sources in Athens last night said that Premier General John Metaxas has turned down the Rome-Berlin "suggestion" that Greece formally renounce Great Britain's guarantee of her independence and territorial integrity.

Took Pictures Of Waterfront; Lands In Jail

David Ramage, giving his occupation as an artist, was taken into custody here at the end of the week when found taking pictures around Cow Bay and investigated by the police under Defence of Canada regulations. Ramage established to the satisfaction of the authorities that he was not aware it was illegal to take pictures of the local waterfront and that he had taken the pictures merely for their unique value. He was liberated after the films had been confiscated.

Ramage was passing through the city enroute from United States to Alaska. He was born in London, England, and, a naturalized American, had served with American forces in the last war.

CORPS IS ENLARGED

Local Civilian Unit To Get Separate And Larger Quarters, Doubling Up On Drill Nights

The Canadian Legion Defence Corps, recently organized in Prince Rupert, has assumed such proportions now that the local army is not large enough to accommodate all members at once for their drills so arrangements are now being made to obtain separate quarters and to hold drills twice instead of once weekly.

Formed into four platoons last night at the regular weekly drill, the Corps was again put through squad drill under the general direction of Regimental Sergeant Major J. Simpkins of the Irish Fusiliers and showed adaptability to the rudiments of infantry training. In fact, there was possibly an unexpected degree of smartness. Men ranging in age from sixteen to sixty—several probably older—took part.

Following the drill, Regimental Sergeant Major Simpkins gave a lecture on military law.

Baseball Scores

National League
New York 1, Boston 4.
Philadelphia-Brooklyn, postponed.
Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3.
St. Louis 5, Chicago 1.
American League
Boston 1-8, New York 9-19.
Washington 3, Philadelphia 6.
Detroit 5, Cleveland 6.
Chicago 4, St. Louis 3.

ACTING CHAIRMAN

VICTORIA, August 14.—L. W. Patmore has been named as chairman of the Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board during the absence on vacation of Dr. W. A. Carrothers.