

PROVIDING SHIPS OF WAR

Prince Rupert Plays Its Part In Important Naval Building Program on Coast of Pacific

Corvettes and Minesweepers Turned Out to Help in Battle of Atlantic—New Type of Craft for Fishermen's Reserve.

British Columbia, which has helped provide the men to man Canada's new navy, has had a large share in providing the ships of war as well. Prince Rupert has played its part. Grim grey corvettes, kissing the waters of the Pacific Ocean on their first plunge to the sea, were seen to be breasting the combers of the North Atlantic. Minesweepers followed in their wake as, from the launching slips of British Columbia, they steamed to take their place in the eastern seaboard. Submarine chasers and motor torpedo boats, small but important units in a fleet-in-being, were part of the Dominion's mammoth, \$120,000,000 ship-building program in which British Columbia is participating to the fullest extent of its shipyards' capacity and its ship-builders' skill.

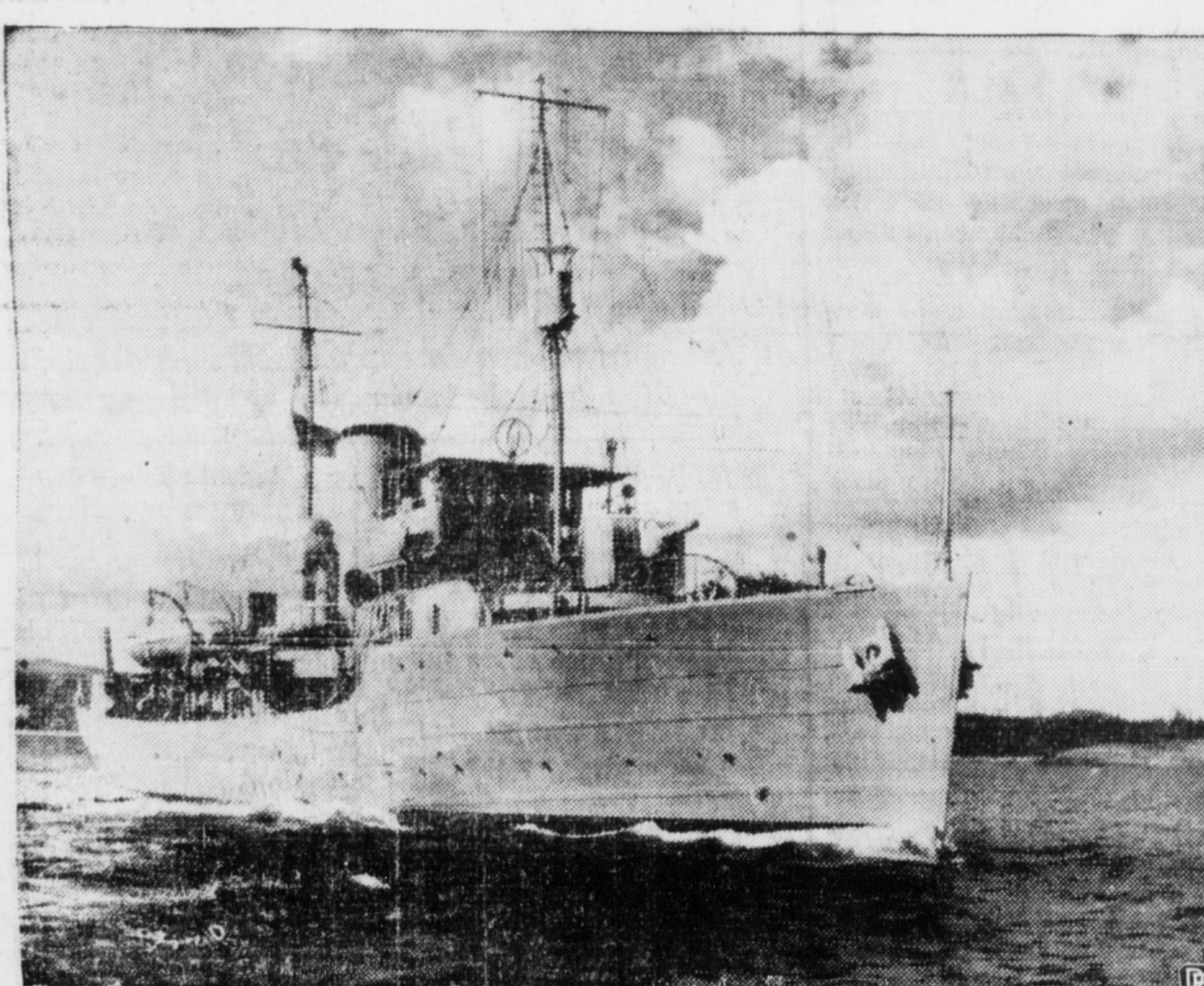
There was another class of ship built, a ship for that part of the naval service which is almost exclusively British Columbia's own—the Fishermen's Reserve. At the outbreak of war the Fishermen's

waves, they have their deadly depth-charges.

Minesweepers, too, such as have been built at Prince Rupert, are equipped to deal death to the enemy as well as to sweep death from the seas, and in building this class of warship the British Columbia yards have again helped build Canada's Navy into a strong offensive, as well as defensive, force.

In one of the West Coast yards was born an idea which, in addition to setting a precedent for the Empire, also gave proof of the pride which the men who build ships feel in their contribution to Canada's naval strength. When H. M. C. S. Vancouver was launched, the men who had built her, and Norman Yarrow of Yarrow's Yards, Esquimalt, where she was built, felt that they wanted to forge a strong link between themselves and the ship. The request was made that instead of the wife of some dignitary, as has been the custom, the wife of one of the men should be chosen to sponsor the ship and preside at her christening. Lots were drawn by the

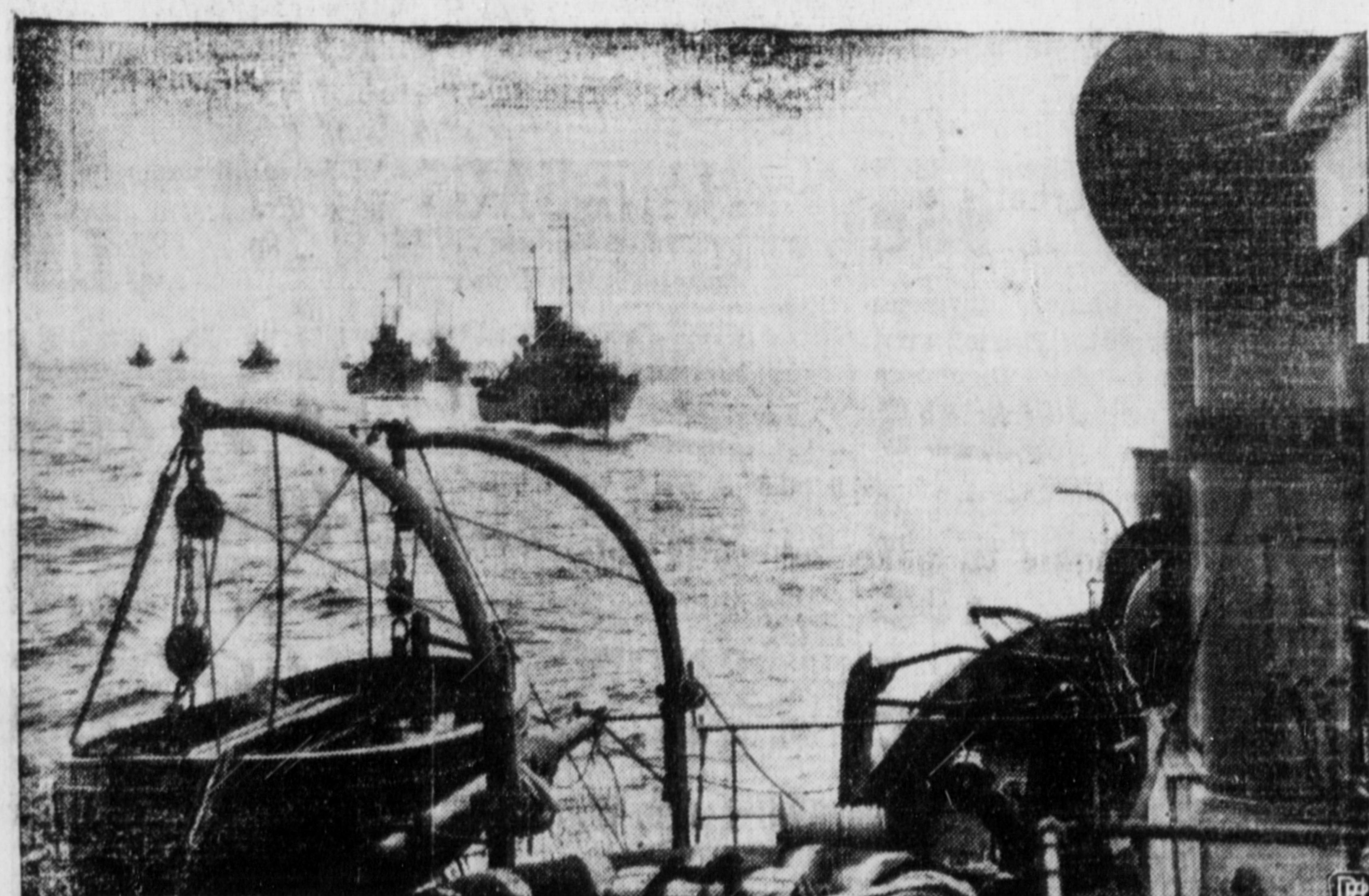
ARE DOING GREAT WORK



One of Canada's new corvettes, slim Canadian-built vessels which are proving most effective in convoy and anti-submarine work, is here shown as it steams out to sea from a Canadian port.

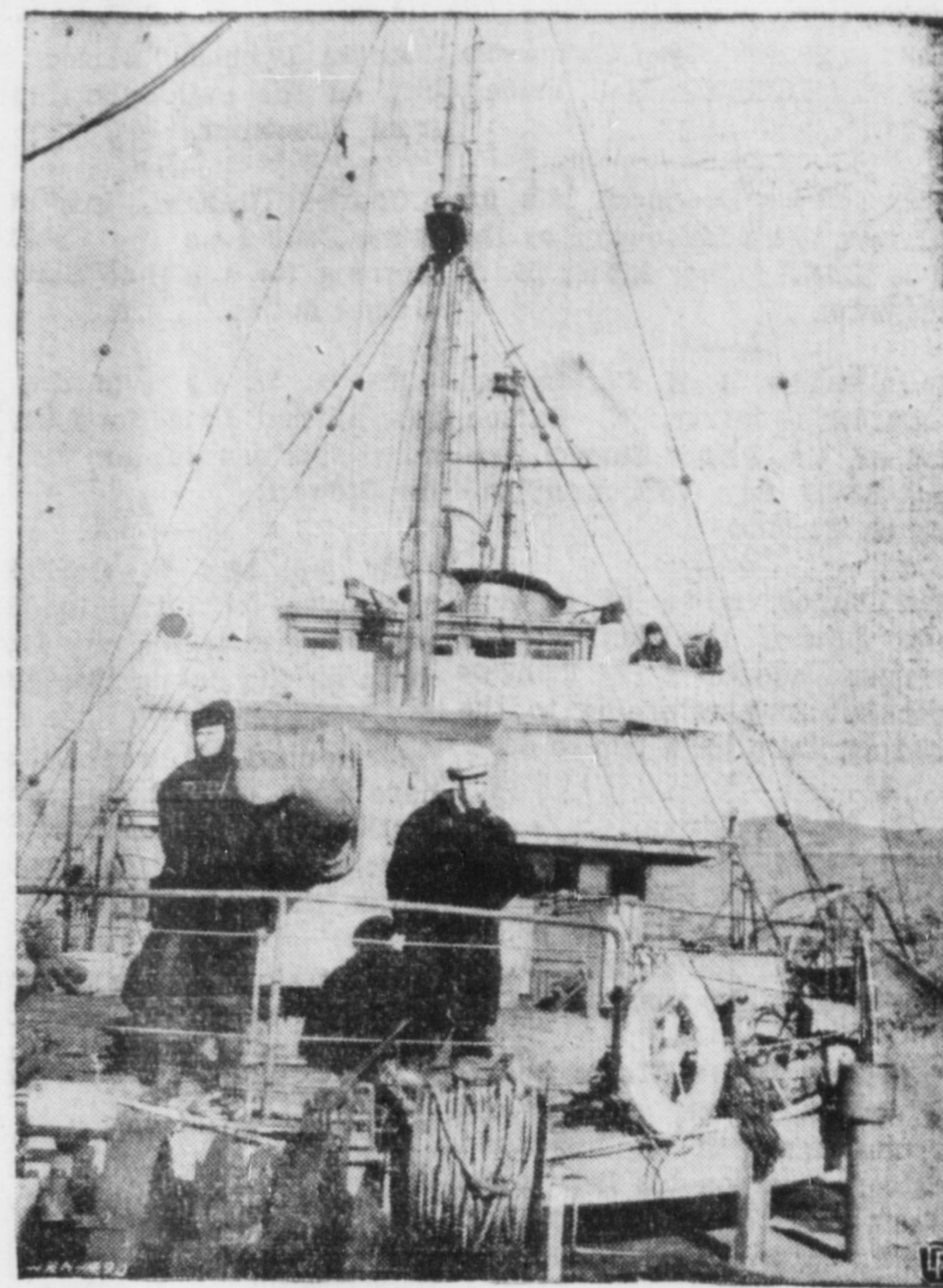
Reserve, organized in the spring of that same year, was called immediately into service. It brought to the Navy proper some forty of the sturdy, deep-sea fishing boats which were to prove so valuable for mine-sweeping and for patrol work. The boats were manned by men whose seamanship was of the highest and whose knowledge of the waters in which they served could not be surpassed. Their craft, it is true, were designed for peace-time pursuits and not for war service but they did the job. So well did they do it, and so

ANCHORS AWEIGH!



A long line of Canadian corvettes heads out into the Atlantic from an eastern Canadian port. These trim, speedy little craft are doing fine service with the Royal Canadian Navy in its heavy task of helping Great Britain guard the sea-lanes.

CORVETTE HEADS TO SEA



Watchful seamen scan the ocean from a corvette of the Royal Canadian Navy as the craft heads out into the Atlantic on patrol duty.

Had Operation In Open Boat

Ship's Mate With Claspknife Took Shrapnel From Sailor's Back.

LIVERPOOL, October 27: (P)—A delicate operation, performed in a storm-tossed open lifeboat without anaesthetic or medical instruments, to save the life of a wounded seaman, has been written into the history of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Seventeen men, huddled in the boat after their ship had been torpedoed, unanimously decided to risk the make-shift operation on Joe Wilkinson, 18-year old steward, who had been peppered with shell splinters, one of which had lodged in his back near a lung. The second mate agreed to operate. A fire was started in a stove and a claspknife cauterized in the flames. Then, as the sailors held the patient down so he wouldn't be washed overboard, the "surgeon" slid the blade into the wound, found the hidden metal and with a few deft strokes recovered the shrapnel.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The coal-barge Donald D., owned by the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., which piled up on the rocks in Codfish Passage near Bella Bella some time ago, is now reported to have broken up with no chance of salvaging her.

This example of the feeling held by the builders in the work of the ships is typical of the feeling in all the yards.

And, equalling this pride is that felt by the whole province for its men who today, with these ships, are making good the navy's traditional phrase of "being in all respects ready for sea and to engage the enemy."

Word has been received that George Kerr, recently reported wounded in action, has died of his injuries. He was a brother of Peter and William Kerr, both of whom are on active service. Mrs. Kerr is at present visiting with her sister, Mrs. William Robb on Eighth Avenue.

T. D. Pattullo, M.L.A.-elect, left on the Princess Maquinna for Victoria. It is understood Mr. Pattullo is to be given a seat in the Brewster cabinet.

WASH YOUR HANDS

LONDON, October 27: (P)—For better health "wash your hands before handling food of any kind, no matter where you are or who you may be" is the urgent advice of Sir William Jameson, chief medical officer of the Ministry of Health.

AVOID PARATYPHOID

LIVERPOOL, October 27: (P)—The Ministry of Health has advised that paratyphoid reported in a mild form in this city and in Bristol, Birmingham and Leicester and parts of Scotland "can be avoided by careful personal hygiene."

NORSE GOOD-WILL

HELSINKI, October 25: (P)—Children of Sweden, by donations from their ration cards collected in one month and forwarded to Finnish children about \$75,000 worth of food.

Whifflets From The Waterfront

Union steamer Catala, Capt. Ernest Sheppard, arrived in port at 7:30 this morning from the south and sailed at 10 a.m. for Stewart and other northern points whence she will return here tomorrow afternoon southbound.

Aboard the steamer Princess Louise, which was in port this morning northbound from Vancouver to Skagway, were only nineteen passengers, three of whom disembarked here. A larger list of passengers is expected on the southbound voyage.

Big Bay was the scene over the week-end of a good deal of bird hunting. A number of ducks were taken but, evidently, no geese. One of the parties was that which Bill Richards took out on his power cruiser, those making the trip besides himself being W. O. Fulton, Sid Hunter, Dan Kristmann and Alex McRae.

The last salmon cannery in this district to close down for the season, Nelson Bros. Ltd. plant on the ocean dock here finished up salmon packing operations the latter part of last week. During the winter the plant will be engaged in herring packing.

WARTIME HAZARDS

LONDON, October 27: (P)—A 42-year old sailor who accepted a "safe" shore job after he was torpedoed twice was killed a week later when he slipped off a glass roof.

50,000 A MONTH

SIMLA, India, October 27: (P)—Monthly rate of recruitments for all arms of the Indian Army, technical and non-technical, is approaching 50,000.

OLD LEGAL TOME'S

Nova Scotia claims to have the oldest law library in the Dominion, dating back to 1797.

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