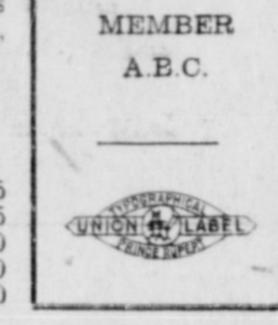
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Achievement of Royal Navy . .

As the Royal Navy moves some strength towards Far Eastern waters to help the United States Navy and ensure the defeat of Japan as it ensured Germany's defeat, a review of its great achievements so far in the war may be appropriate and interesting.

On the Atlantic 9,000 trade convoys have been taken in and out of the United Kingdom over 80,000 miles of sea lanes regularly patrolled, 10,000,-000 men of the British Armies having been moved by sea with the loss of 3,000 men and more than 500 U-boats destroyed by the Navy. Many of these convoys have seen great battles in themselves. The main units of the German Navy knocked out by the Royal Navy were the Graf Spee and Bismarck whose sinking, to use the words of the First Lord of the Admiralty, "equalled a decisive defeat against a great land army."

In The Battle of the Mediterranean at Taranto in November, 1940, the Fleet Air Arm put out of action seven Italian warships in one of the most daring attacks of the war. At Matapan, March 1941, the Royal Navy sank three enemy cruisers with no loss to itself and dealt the Italian Navy such a lesson that it was the last time it dared to face open battle.

Malta has been the key to the entire Mediterranean campaign. Forty great convoys in the teeth of enemy opposition sailed to Malta. In the summer of 1942 the fate of the war hung in the balance and each convoy to Malta constituted a great naval battle. Malta remained a great naval base in spite of German efforts. Rommel could have had every reinforcement he wanted if the Royal Navy had not been there to interfere—1,335,000 tons of enemy shipping were sunk by submarines alone.

The convoying of supplies to Russia has been the Navy's most arduous task and conditions in forty degrees of frost have been the toughest ever endured by naval forces anywhere. Fortyfour large convoys have been taken by the Arctic route to Russia and 88 percent of the cargoes got through. Each one of these ventures was a major battle in itself. In one attack the Germans threw in 25 u-boats and 40 planes. The Royal Navy's pertinacity in keeping this route open has cost Germany submarines and finally sunk in Nov- north of New Guinea.

Theirs was the most arduous taskentry of the Mediterranean, narrow Not a single life or ship was lost.

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two cruisers and an aircraft carrier, Japanese ambitions were permanently thwarted.

The Madagascar campaign was carried out by combined Royal Navy and military detachments which forestalled a Japanese attack and removed the threat of utmost peril to the line of communication. The Royal Navy has kept these permanently open, enabling Allied strength to be built up.

Last year the Eastern Fleet had gone over to the offensive. As early as spring the ships of the Royal Navy were attacking Sabang, the enemy's oil centre in Sumatra, then Surabaya, the great naval base in Java.

Since D-Day the Far Eastern operations of the Royal Navy have steadily increased; bombardment of the Andamans and another attack on Sabang, and the bombardment of the Padang cement works where Japanese pillboxes are made; the Sigli railway works in Sumatra and three days consecutive bombardment of the Nicobar Islands. The Royal Naval submarines have also bombarded docks, oil installations, warehouses, factories, from the Andamans to Sumatra—one of the finest submarine feats of the war was the Royal Navy exploit of last November of sinking 62 Japanese vessels on the way to Rangoon. This in addition to the great destruction inflicted by submarines announced in October: one Japanese cruiser, twentythree supply ships, sixty smaller supply craft, and auxiliaries - an aircraft either by Act of Parliament or flat-bottomed steamboat. carrier and another cruiser are be- Order-in-Council, gave Britain In 1900 the steamboat Monte a dance. lieved to have been sunk.

Latest news from this area is that erary Digest it takes \$1000 a day tain Walker, navigated the river | Honorary President, Mrs. C. J. a major fleet is being assembled under for 2792 years to accumulate a carrying freight and passengers Toombs. Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Powers, which billion. Not bad for a little pov- between Port Essington and President, Mrs. L. M. Asemistogether with another fleet under Ad- unable to pay the interest on the plies for a portion of the tele- Vice-President, Mrs. Edgar miral Sir Bruce Frazer assembling in C.N.R. debt only a few years ago. graph line which ran through Saunders. Australia waters, will fight alongside The question is: just what our that town. the Americans in dealing knockout children will think about the However, the pioneer boat was ner. blows to the Japanese in the Pacific in I am beginning to wonder what rived under Captain Oden a good Moore, Mrs. C. G. Ham and Mrs. 1945. The immediate function of the a democracy really is. I do not many years before 1900. The way Carr. fleet under Sir Arthur Powers will be know of any such thing. Our gov- the Caledonia used to shoot the A sick visiting committee was to push the Japanese all the way out ernment is a bureaucracy. of the Indian Ocean and get back to The provinces have relegated source of conversation among Hunter and Mrs. Alvin Daly. its old base at Singapore.

In the Pacific it fell to the Royal extraordinary power, leaves the The native name for the Tuesday of each month. Navy to bear the brunt of the Japanese Dominion sitting quite pretty al- Skeena river is the Kitshan and attack and hold it while the U.S. Navy have to pass the dirty jobs along tives today. The highway is also CAPE TOWN, O - A plastic lay crippled after Pearl Harbor. The to the bureaucrats. I wonder how given that name and the people surgery unit has been inaugurmost decisive Battle of the Far Eastern | many of these powers will be re- along the river are called the ated at the Groote Schuur Hoswar was undoubtedly the Battle of the turned to the provinces when the Kitshan people. Dital here, said Prof. A. Brown, Java Seas—the first setback to the Jap- war is over. (It may be too soon I am willing to correspond at the monthly meeting of the to worry as the war is not yet with anyone interested in this Cape Hospital board. aese action. Their relentless south- finished and the Drys can rest subject. ward sweep was the battle which saved in peace because no one will be Australia. The battle of the Coral getting drunk celebrating vic-Seas marked the last attempt of the tory for a few years. It seems so that people in B.C. Japanese to overcome failure. The should worry about that, on our Eastern Fleet of the Royal Navy based usual 13 ounces a month. Down on India, however, prevented the Jap- East the people have 26 ounces a anese from sending much needed re- week. I doubt if their enlistments inforcements.

Units of the Royal Navy announced Just how many C.P.R. bonds to date as having participated in the did Britain give to Canada? Just Pacific fighting are H.M.S. "Victori- what has become of them? Just what percent of the total issue the pride of her fleet: the battle cruis- ous" 23,000 tons, one of the latest de- did they represent? Does the er "Scharnhorst" sunk off the North signed aircraft carriers, loaned to the Dominion now own a controlling Cape in December 1943 by H.M.S. U.S. Navy when its need to the U.S. interest in the C.P.R.? In that "Duke of York"; the battleship "Tir- was great and H.M.S. "Esther" under the wind-up of these bonds? Has pitz" first crippled by the Elect Air British command and manned by Duit pitz" first, crippled by the Fleet Air British command, and manned by Brit- the recent smuggling of the C.N. Arm, then put out of action by the ish seamen, led the recent American R., in the same nest anything to British Naval secret weapon midget landings on Pegun Island, 100 miles do with the matter and will it

ember 1944 by the R.A.F. Now the news has been given that gamate them, as a government In the Invasion of North Africa, a powerful battle fleet, under Admiral unit, or does it mean that after two of three major convoys were in Sir Bruce Frazer, will be based in Aus- the C.P.R. has skimmed off all the protection of the Royal Navy. tralia. This fleet, packed with carriers, the cream some one will get will operate in the Pacific under U.S. swallow the C.N.R.? overall command.

waters dominated by a hostile coast. "Jane's Fighting Ships" of 1944 the airports of Canada and the Not a single life or ship was lost. gives British carrier strength at seven lines, does it mean the people plus forty escort carriers—the type of are again being made suckers, craft which has been generally found as usual, or does it mean that more practicable in actual combat being the C.P.R. stock now owned by The British naval contribution to less than half tonnage but, with more and that the people will control the Far Eastern war has already been than half the plane capacity and used both the C.P.R. and the air lines? with great effect in the Atlantic, Japan in April 1942 did its utmost Arctic, and the Mediterranean. "Jane" to repeat its Pearl Harbor success only mentions those ships which have and I could be wrong, I have a against British bases in India, Colom- come into the news. It is reasonable about as much of this as they bo and Trincomalee. A great naval to presume there are many more. The can. battle joined in the Bay of Bengal by British indeed have always been forewhich, though it cost the Royal Navy most in the technique of sea and air.

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DEMOCRACY OR BUREAUCRACY

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one billion dollars. Possibly it Cristo, owned by the late H. B was two billion. According to Lit- Rochester and skippered by Cap-

much of their sovereign powers the hundreds of natives living Regular meetings of the Auxilto the Dominion which, with the along the river. • jary will be held on the first or bond buying exceeds that of

B.C. at that). mean that the Dominion will now own both roads and amal-

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Secretary, Mrs. Edward Garthe Caledonia, which plied the Executive - Mrs. Crawford

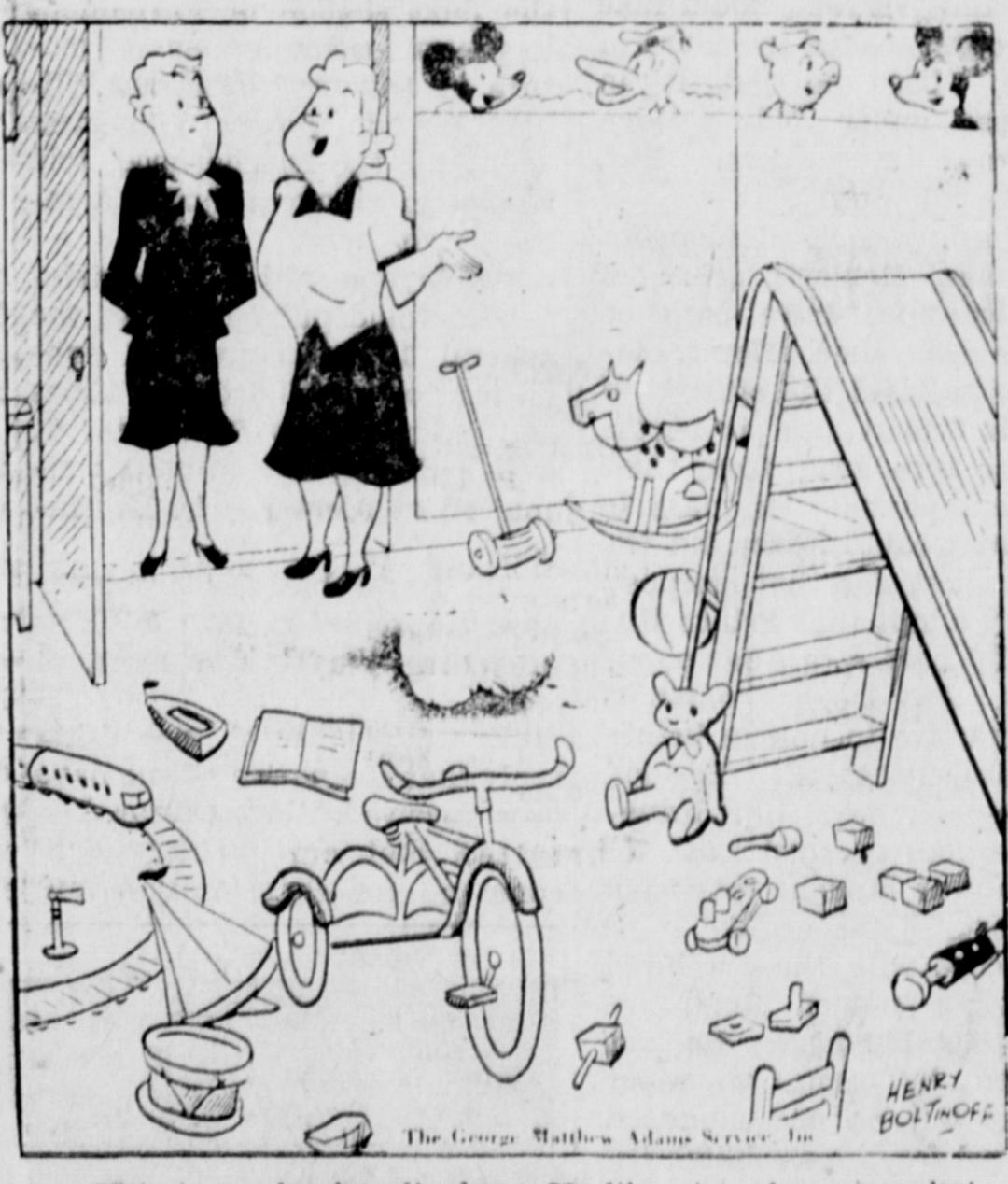
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